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& Emma J. Nyman

and their known

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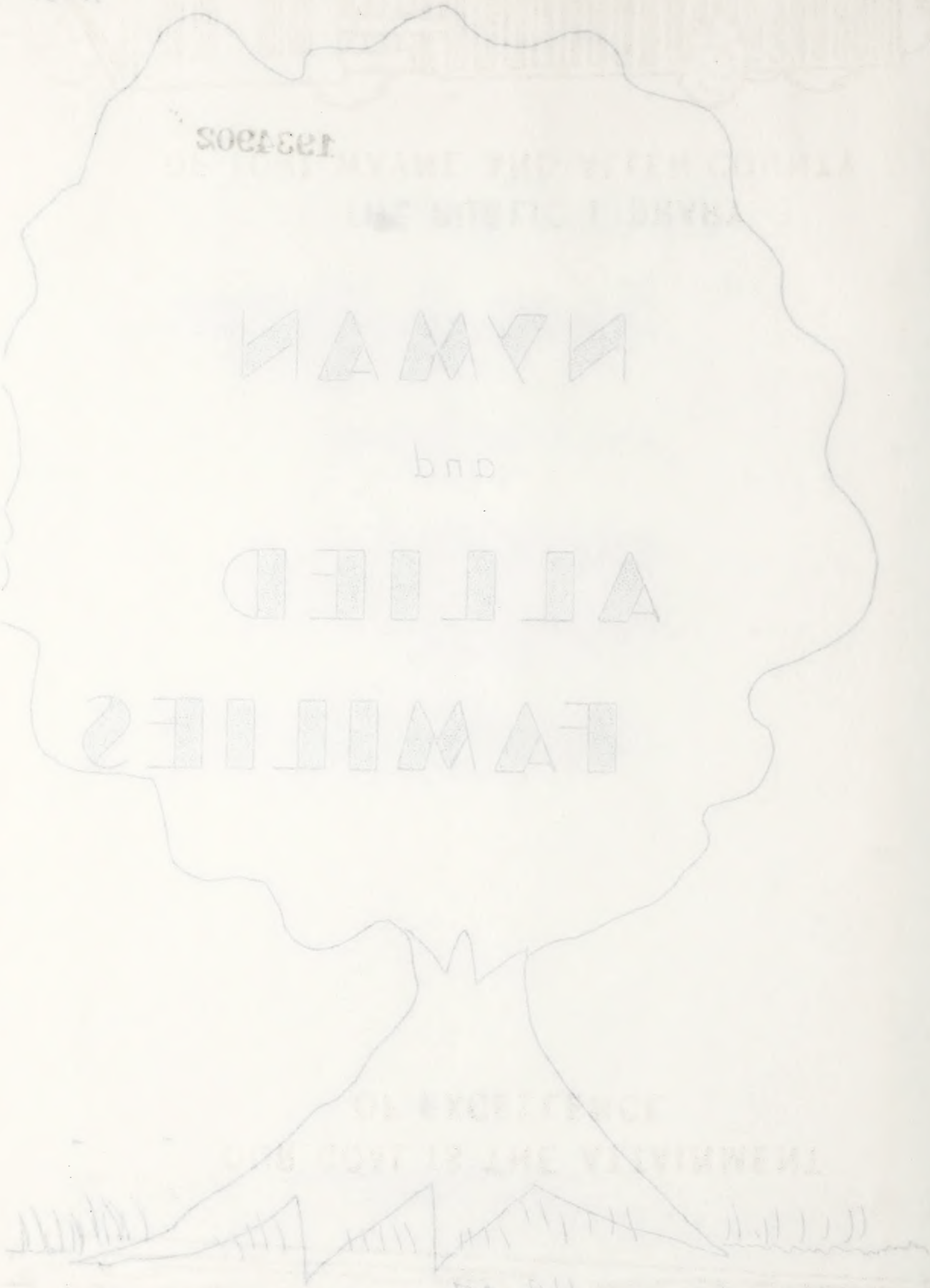

Desiring to preserve some genealogical material and to present a family record in word and picture, we have prepared this book. It is our hope that those who are interested in genealogy might be stimulated to do further research in that field and share their findings with others in the family. Likewise, it is hoped that those who have expressed interest in pictures will find this collection somewhat satisfactory and will seek to provide better pictures for future use.

This is not the work of a single person but has been compiled from material submitted by many. The name was chosen by vote of families involved.

This material has been collected for the John and Emma Nyman descendents and related families. It is the editor's desire that privately owned copies of the book shall be kept within those family groups.

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Those who best understand the problems involved in publication of a family book will be the most charitable. We hope all will try to overlook its many shortcomings and that all may be helped to a greater appreciation of their kinfolk and of their heritage.

Hilma Pearson, Svea, Minnesota.

Nyman

(Swedish, meaning "new man")

An illustrated genealogical and biographical study, depicting known forebears, kinsmen, and descendants of John Nyman and his wife, Emma Christina Johnson Nyman, who were the first generation Nymans to establish a home in the United States of America.

Meeting and marrying in Pennsylvania, where their first child was born, they pioneered in Iowa, where eleven of their twelve children grew to maturity, and where John and Emma are now buried, awaiting the Resurrection through Jesus Christ in whom they placed their faith.

ABSENTES ADSUNT

These Latin words (the absent are present) appear in a floor slab of an old English church. They were placed there as a reminder that no matter what our accomplishments are today, much that we have and enjoy comes from those who have lived before us. Remembering and honoring the contributions of the past, we live in the present, working for a greater future.

"A man who is not proud of his ancestry will never leave anything for which his posterity may be proud of him."

-Edmund Burke, English statesman.

The family is like a book;
The children are the leaves,
The parents are the covers
That protecting beauty gives.
At first, the pages of the book
Are blank and purely fair.

But time soon writeth memories
And printeth pictures there.
Love is the tiny golden clasp
That buildeth up the trust,
O break not, lest all the leaves
Should scatter and be lost.

– California P.T. Magazine.

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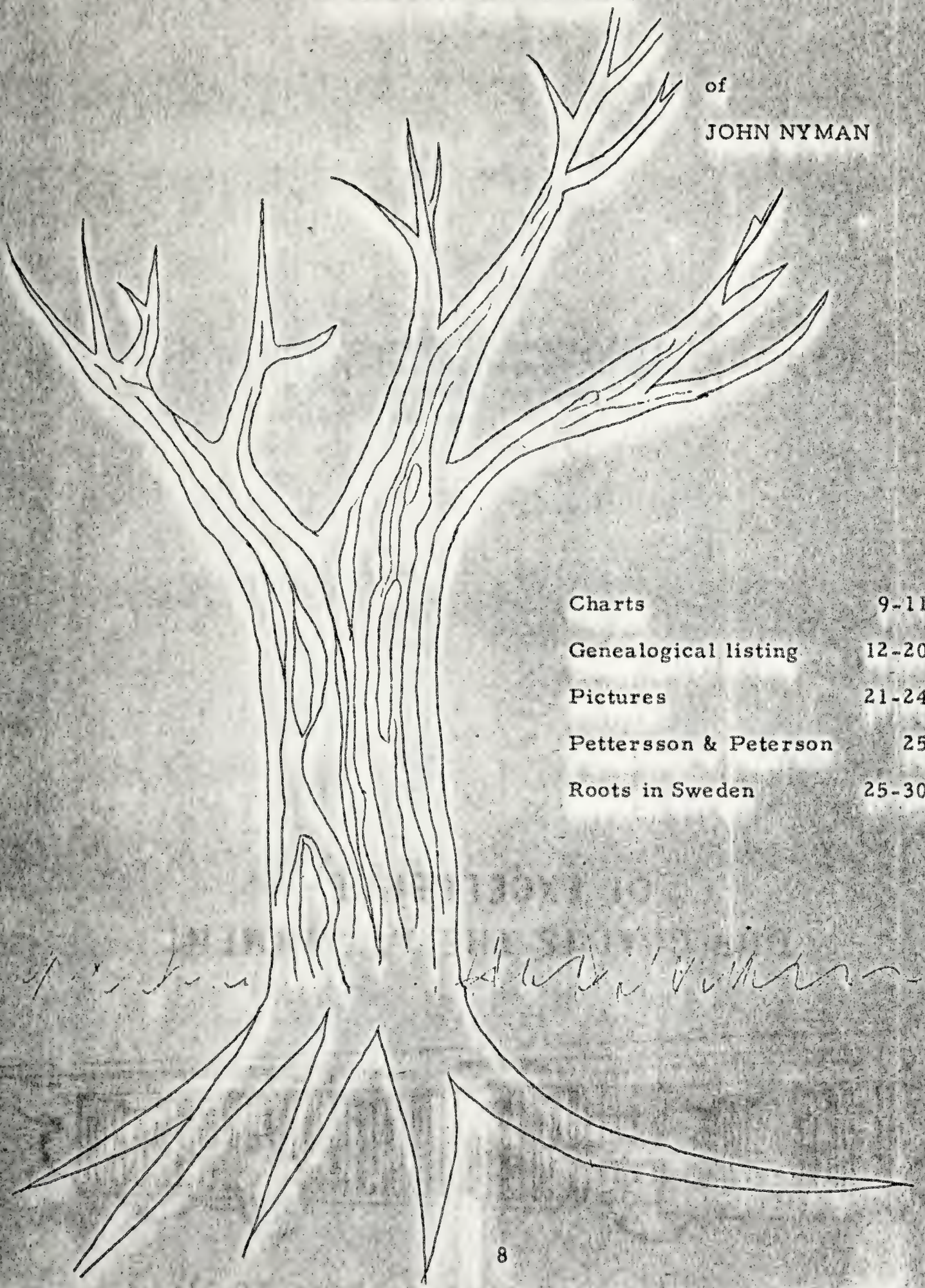
of

JOHN NYMAN



ANCESTRY and POSTERITY

of

Per Nyman II Pettersson
Maria Wilhelmina Nyman
Emma Aldina Nyman
John Nyman

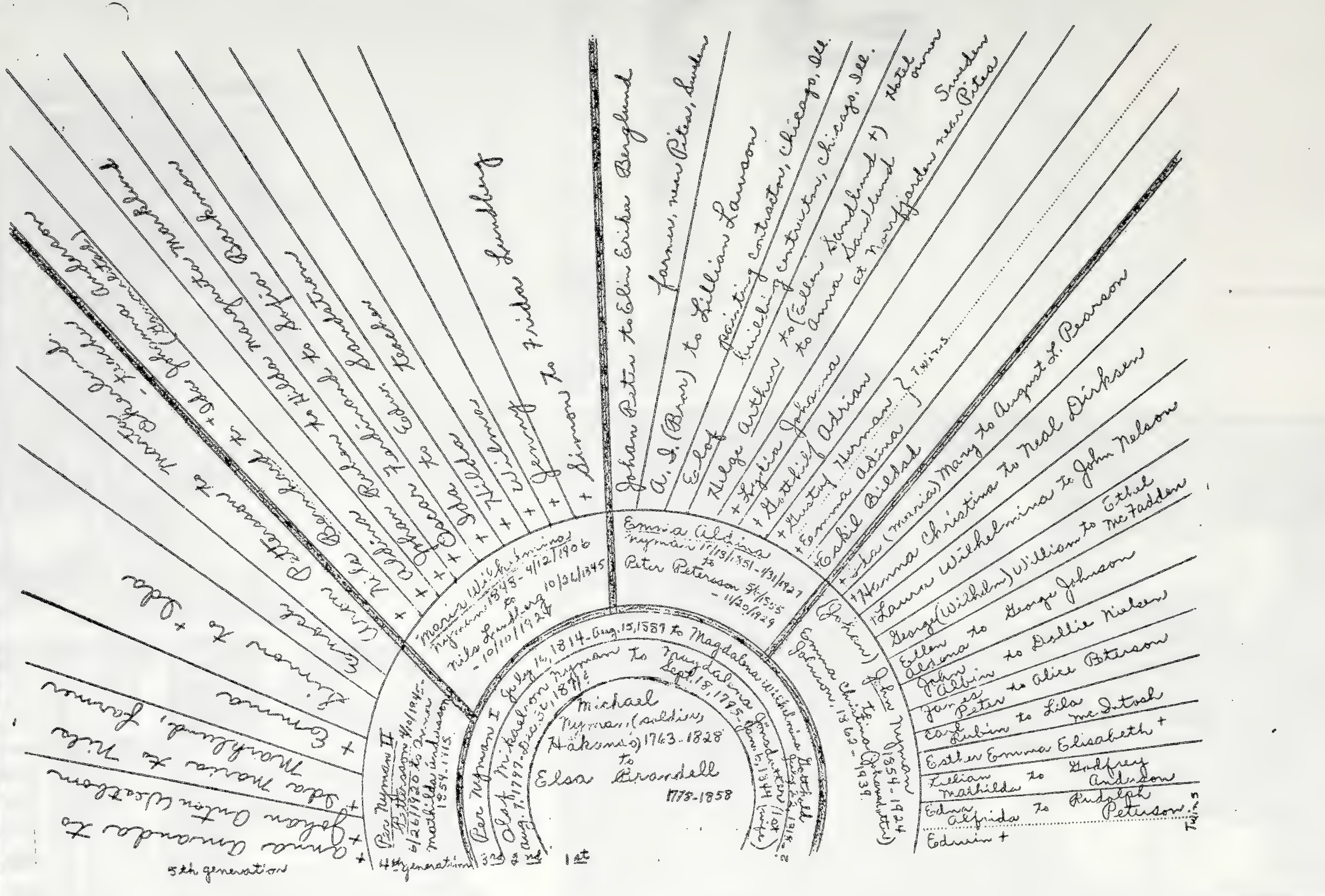
IV	IV						
Mickael Nyman 1763 - 1828 soldier (Håkansö)	Elsa Brandell 1778 - 1858						

III	III	
Olof Mikaelson Nyman b. August 7, 1797 d. December 30, 1871 ? farmer	Magdalena Jönsdotter , mother of Per, wife #1 b. Sept. 18, 1795 d. Jan. 6, 1844 (wife #2 Britta Persdotter 6/10/1800 - 2/27/71)	

II	II
Per Nyman I b. July 16, 1814 d. August 15, 1887	Magdalena Wilhelmina Gotthold b. July 22, 1818 d.

I

1. Per Nyman II Pettersson
2. Maria Wilhelmina Nyman (married name, Fru Nils Lundberg)
3. Emma Aldina Nyman (married name, Fru Peter Pettersson)
4. Johan (John, in America) Nyman


Michael Nyman (soldier, Håkonsö) 1763-1828 to Elsa Brandell 1778-1858
1st
Olof Mikaelson Nyman Aug. 7, 1777 - Dec. 30, 1871 to Magdalena Wilhelmina Gotthold July 16, 1818 - 2 (1st wife)
2nd
Per Nyman I July 16, 1814 - Aug. 15, 1889 to Magdalena Jönsdotter Sept. 18, 1795 - Jan. 5, 1844
3rd
Per Nyman II Pettersson 4/10/1845 - 6/26/1920 to Johanna Mathilda Andersson 1854-1915
4th generation
Maria Wilhelmina Nyman 1848 - 4/12/1906 to Nils Lundberg 10/26/1845 - 10/10/1924
Emma Albina Nyman 7/13/1851 - 1/31/1927 to Peter Peterson 5/15/1855 - 11/20/1929
(Johan) John Nyman 1854-1924 to Emma Christina Johnson, 1862-1939 (Johansdotter)
5th generation
+ Anna Amanda to Johan Anton Westblom
+ Ida Maria to Nils Markland, farmer
+ Emma
Simon to + Ida
Ernest
Arvin Pettersson to Martin Ekelund, teacher
+ Nils Bernhard to + Ida Johanna Anderson (Annesletal)
+ Albina Rubinson to Hilda Margaretha Markland
+ Johan Ferdinand to Sofia Barkman
+ Oscar to Edvin Sandstrom teacher
+ Ida
+ Hilda
+ Wilma
+ Jenny
+ Simon to Frida Lundberg
Johan Peter to Elin Eriksa Berglund farmer, near Piteå, Sweden
A. J. (Brown) to Lillian Lawson painting contractor, Chicago, Ill.
Eloy
Hilge Arthur building contractor, Chicago, Ill. to (Ellen Sandlund +) to Anna Sandlund at Norrfjarden near Piteå Sweden hotel owner
+ Lydia Johanna
+ Gotthild Adrian
+ Gustaf Herman
+ Emma Adina } Twins
Eskil Bildad
+ Ida (maria) Mary to August L. Pearson
+ Hanna Christina to Neal Dirksen
+ Laura Wilhelmina to John Nelson
George (Wilhelm) William to Ethel McFadden
Ellen Aldana to George Johnson
John Albin to Dollie Nielsen
James Peter to Alice Peterson
Carl Rubin to Lila McIntosh
Esther Emma Elisabeth +
Lillian Mathilda to Godfrey Anderson
Edna Alfrida to Rudolph Peterson
Edwin +
Twins

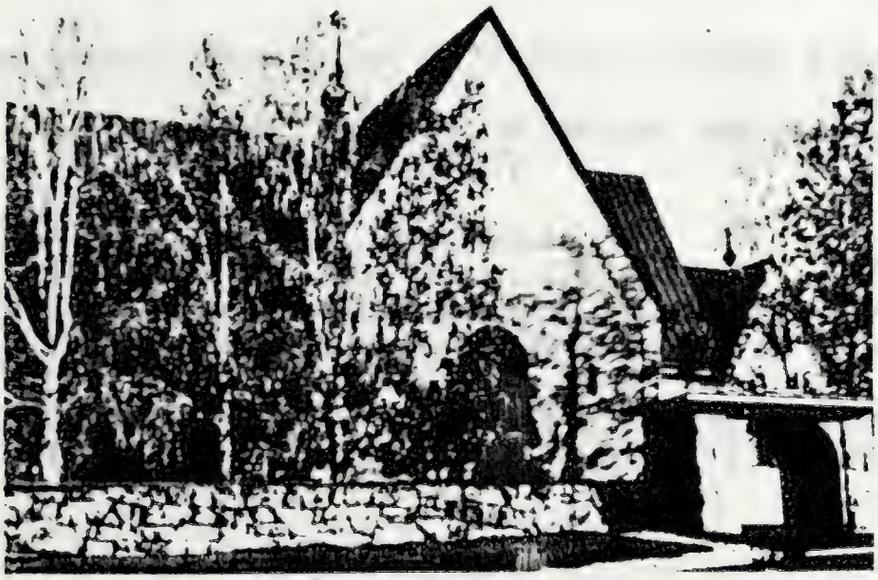
PER
NYMAN I

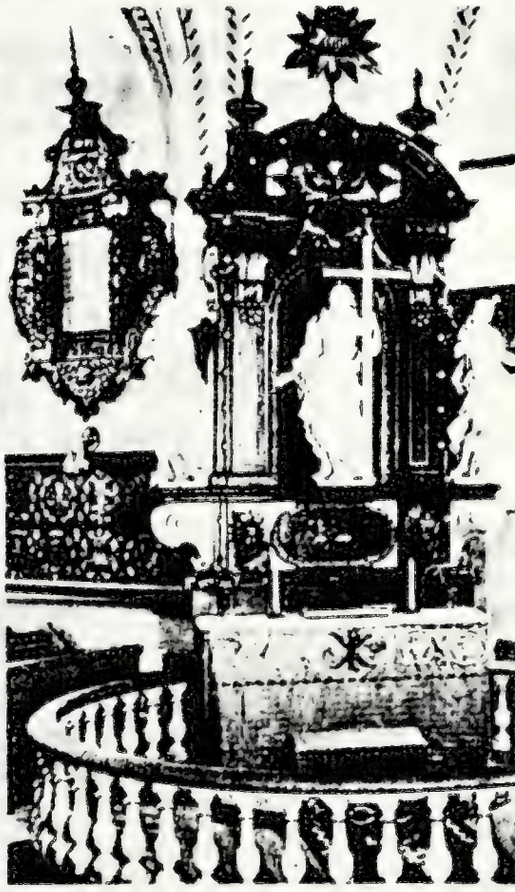
and wife

MAGDALENA
WILHELMINA
GOTTHOLD

Below: Their home (John Nyman's birthplace); Ojebyn Torget (public square) x indicates the Pettersson church house.
See page 29 & 27.

Below & right: Kyrkan (church), Ojebyn. This church is where all the Per Nyman children (including John Nyman) were confirmed. It is called "Pitea Landsforsamlings kyrka." 'Celebrated its 450th anniversary in 1958. See pages 27 & 28.





DESCENDENTS of

PER NYMAN I and his wife

MAGDALENA WILHELMINA GOTTHOLD

Per Nyman I (July 16, 1814-August 15, 1887) and wife, Magdalena Wilhelmina Gotthold (July 22, 1818 - ?) had two sons and two daughters, as follows: (All four children born in Nybyn)

1. Per Nyman II, name changed to Pettersson, will be referred to by both names for the sake of clarity. 4/10 1845 - 6/26 1920.

2. Maria Wilhelmina Nyman, 1848 - ? Married Nels Lundberg

3. Emma Aldina Nyman, 10/18 1851 - 1/31 1927. Married Peter Pettersson

4. John (Johan, in Sweden) Nyman, 8/11 1854 - 12/8 1924. To Pa., U.S.A. in 1879 and Bancroft, Iowa in 1884.

In the genealogical listing which follows, each of Per Nyman II Pettersson's descendents is given a number beginning with 1 because his progenitor was the first of the Nyman children. The second digit in his number indicates order of birth within that family. Thus a digit is added for each generation.

Similarly, the Maria Wilhelmina Nyman descendents are distinguished by a number beginning with 2 because their progenitor was the second of the Nyman children. Other digits are added as explained above.

Emma Aldina's descendents are given a number beginning with 3 and John Nyman's descendents are given a number beginning with a 4. Other digits are added as described for descendents of Per Nyman II.

1 PER NYMAN II PETTERSSON, 4/10/1845 - 6/26/1920,
married to
Anna Mathilda Andersson, 10/24/1854 - 10/10/1915

11 Anna Amanda Pettersson, 1874-1936, to Johan Anton Westbom, 4/28/1873 - ?
- 111 Edith Amanda, 6/30/07, to Helmer Holmquist, 5/30/06
  - 1111 Adar Alexis, 8/27/53
- 112 Ellen, 5/5/05 - 1940
- 113 Ida, 9/7/09, to A. Marklund
  - 1131 Kerstin; 1132 Mats; 1132 Sture
- 114 Elof, 6/3/13, to Bertha Helena Berglund, 9/25/11
  - 1141 Lars; 1142 Roger; 1143 Stefan; 1144 Ulf
- 115 Bror Levi, 9/13/15
- 116 Emma, 10/27/17, to Ivar Berglund from Arnemark
  - 1161 Oster, 4/20/35; 1162 Marino; 1163 Gun-Britt; 1164 Maria

12 Ida Maria, 5/25/1876 - 4/2/56, to Nils Marklund, 7/25/1870 - 3/2/57 (farmer)
121 Nels Anselm, 7/29/1897, to Signe Ingeborg Utterström 10/3/1898
1211 Kerstin Maria, 1/24/22 - 11/25/27
1212 Signe Adina, 6/20/26, to John Sandberg
12121 Kerstin Maria, 2/3/55
1213 Astrid Irene, 9/12/27, to Rune Hedquist
12131 Rune Anders, 1/14/58
1214 Karen Alice 9/15/35, to Åke Lundman
122 Gunnar Martin, 8/25/1899, to Gunhild Viola Norberg, 5/10/01
1221 Gunnar Folke, 3/31/25, to Ruth Ingeborg Lundberg, 10/17/24
12211 Kent Folke, 6/13/52
1222 Martin Göte 6/9/26
1223 Gertrude Viola 5/17/27 to Karl Gunnar Anderson 4/9/23 (moved to Schellefteå in 1949)
12231 Hans Gunnar 8/17/52; 12232 Leonnart 12/18/57
1224 Gustaf Helge 11/10/28 to Walborg Marianne Johansson 4/30 1928
12241 Stig Helge 9/6/32 - 10/15/52; 12242 Jan Olov 3/24/54
1225 Irma Margareta 11/24/29 to Lars Ejnar Nilsson 12/18/24
12251 Lars Anders 1953; 12252 Britt Margareta 8/19/54;
12253 Tord Einar 5/17/58
1226 Gurli Ann-Marie 7/9/34 (teacher, Porjus since 9/11/54)
123 Nanny Maria 11/2/03 to Gunnar Nikolaus Norberg 5/6/03 (Factory foreman, Munksund)
1231 Tord Gunnar 2/22/30 (Bookkeeping Consultant) to Kerstin Maria Lundstrom 11/1/29
12311 Tord Anders 6/10/56
1232 Nils Gustaf 3/22/31 (machinist) to Barbro Konstance Lundberg 11/26/31
12321 Nils Roger 12/29/54; 12322 Osa Maria 11/6/58
1233 Bo Lennart 2/1/35 (Excavator)
1234 Hans Birger 1/29/39 (Engineer)
1235 Eva Maria 4/22/41
1236 Gerd Margareta 1/22/44; 1237 Ulla Kristina 4/4/46;
1238 Lars Raine Bernhard 8/19/48;
124 Emma Adina 8/30/06 - 8/2/23
125 Gustaf Harald 10/23/08 to Dagny Claudine Lundstrom 10/17/08
1251 Gunvor Anna Maria 4/28/35 to Borje Evald Lundbäck 10/19 1924 (Nedar Kalix)
12511 Nils Evert Germund 9/28/58
1252 Sigrid Viola 7/29/36 ; 1253 Dagny Bergitta 10/18/37
1254 Nils Gustaf Gerhard 10/26/38;
1255 Kerstin Claudine 8/11/41; 1256 Ragnhild Elisabeth 9/1/51

13 Emma Pettersson 1882-1905

14 Simon Pettersson 4/30/1890 to Ida 10/9/1899 - 9/16/46
141 Greta Amanda 8/14/17 to Anton Edvin Burman 3/10/12
1411 Kurt Henrik 1/12/44; 1412 Karin 2/22/49;
1413 Lars Håkan 8/26/55
142 Karen Linnea 11/27/18 to Ragnar Nilsson 1914
143 Britt Olivia 10/12/22 to Einar Nilsson 8/18/17

1431 Inge 4/ /45; 1432 Kjell Arne 4/ /48; 1433 Hans 4/ /51
144 Ida Analisa 1/16/30 to Kurt Sundberg 1928
1441 Lars 2/13/52

15 Enoch Pettersson 4/27/1893

16 Aron Pettersson 4/22/1896 to Marta Okerlund 1/5/03 (teacher)
161 Beret Kirstin 9/14/37 (nurse, Upsala University)
162 Mats Olov 2/20/39 (farmer, Gran Agricultural College)
163 Ulla Aneta 6/15/40 (Folkets Seminary, Luleå)
164 Anna Bergitta 1/15/42 (High School)
165 Inger Marie 4/10/43; 166 Per Kristen 2/1/45

2 MARIA WILHELMINA NYMAN, /1848 - 4/12/06; Hemingsmark
married to
Nils Lundberg, 10/26/1845 - 10/10/1927

21 Nils Bernhard Lundberg 10/25/1874 died 1953 to Ida Johanna Anderson 5/5/1881 died 1953
211 Nils Ruben 1/6/07 to Ida Elisa Lindvall 3/30/07, farmers
2111 Ruth Irene 5/7/43; 2112 Nils Rune 12/13/48
212 Karl Bertil Lundberg 3/24/09 (to Chicago, 1927) to Anna E. Nelson 5/2/12 (Chicago, 1929)
2121 Nils Kenneth 4/16/40 (U. student)
2122 Karl Bernard 7/26/43 (student)
213 Ragni Anna Maria 6/13/13 to Axel Lundmark 1905, plumber
2131 Berit 1/24/39; 2132 Anna Lena
214 Lars Martin 6/19/15 to Ruth Elisabeth Johanson 1916, carpenter
2141 Elisabeth 1944 ; 2142 Margareta 1946 (brewery work
215 Helga Elisabeth 9/22/17 to Ejnar Abraham Hjalmar 3/12/03 /
2151 Ruth Elisabeth 7/2/42 ; 2152 Lars Bert Ejnar 8/14/45

22 Aldina Lundberg 2/12/1878 - 4/3/1958
23 Johan Ruben Lundberg /10/10/1876 - 3/30/1950, to Hilda Margareta Marklund, 9/22/1880 (Norrfjärden)
231 Oskar Ruben 11/25/05 to Disa Elisabeth Sandquist 2/3/05
2311 Oskar Sigwar 2/4/32 (building trade)
2312 Thore Henry 9/22/33 (oiler)
2313 Aina Elisabet 4/12/35 to Kjell Danielson 3/18/33
23131 Kjell Erik 8/31/58
2314 Hans Allan 9/11/36 (laborer)
2315 Elna Maria Margareta 12/27/36 (domestic)
2316 Helga Bergitta 11/29/41 (domestic)
2317 Borje Ruben 11/22/43
232 Ivar Arthur 9/11/07 to Gunni Adela Gulliksson 8/21/21
2321 Karin Margareta 2/21/46
2322 Lars Ivar 10/5/49
233 Johan Edvin 9/29/09 (carpenter) to Malin Annette Berg 11/27/10
2331 John Edvin Lennart 4/22/35 (engineer) to Gudrun Augusta Nilsson 11/25/32
23311 Leif Ingemar 3/12/58
2332 Leif Sven Erik 4/26/43; 2333 Brit Siggrid 8/17/53

234 Karl Sigurd 8/14/12 (farmer & teacher; Nybyn, Altersbruk)

235 Elin Wiktoria 7/4/14 to Knut Oskar Oskarsson, 5/16/14, Håkansö

2351 Mats Gunnor Alexis 1/24/40

236 Nils Martin 5/11/16 (manual arts teacher; Oskarvägen 9 B, Stockholm) to Ella Adela Johansson 4/3/23

237 Gretha Aldina 1/25/18 to Bengt Ynne Sundström 2/21/16, (carpenter) Pålmark

2371 Gerda Ingegard 1/12/43
2372 Sigbritt Elisabet 8/29/44; 2373 Bengt Ingwar 5/20/46

238 Jenny Marie 11/19/19 - 12/11/39

239John Harald (building trade) to Eivor Anna Elin Gulliksson 2/16/24

2391 Gerd Eivor 6/12/48

24 Oskar Ferdinand 11/25/1879 - 10/5/46 to Beda Sofia Barkman 1/10/1888; Nybyn

241 Oskar Henning 12/28/13
242 Isak Ragnar 5/13/16 to Anna Kristina Lundström 6/12/12; Piteå

2421 Nils Sverker Ragnarson 4/18/46

243 Anna Maria 3/30/19 to Isak Josef Burman 3/19/17
2431 Lars Harry 5/2/49

244 Nils Hjalmar7/11/21 m. 3/26/49 to Sigrid Lucia Andersson 12/13/24; Bodträsk

Jan Hjalmar 5/21/53

245 Axel Runo 12/10/22 m. in 54 to Gerd Barbro Gran 4/19/32 Stockfors

2451 Tora Margareta 8/2/55; 2452 Sven Runo 3/13/59

25 Ida Lundberg 12/14/1882 (died in childbirth 3/20/10) to Edward Sandström 5/7/1874

251 stillborn child

26 Hilda Lundberg 12/24/1884 - 2/2/17 (teacher)

27 Wilma Lundberg 3/6/1887 - 2/4/39

28 Jenny Lundberg 9/26/1888 - 7/2/16

29 Simon Lundberg 9/3/1892 to Frida Lundberg from Rosvik
291 Nils Ingvar 5/3/26 - 3/23/28

3 EMMA ALDINA NYMAN 10/18/1851 - 1/31/1927
married to
Peter Pettersson of Pålmark, 5/6/1855- 11/20/1929

31 Johan Peter 3/2/1881 at Pålmark, married 12/19/18 to Elin Erika Berglund 2/3/1893; residence, Piteå; farmers.
311 Tord Henning, adopted, married 9/1/51 to Stina Amalia Johansson 2/14/20
(architect)
3111 Tord Gunnar 3/7/53
3112 Elin Anna Karin 8/22/56

32 Ambrosius Israel (Bror) Peterson 12/23/1883 at Pålmark; married 6/1/15 to Lillian Lawson , Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 6/7/1889; Painting contractor, Chicago, Illinois; Greensburg, Pa. 1902-09.
321 Doris Lillian 10/16/16 to Carl Axel Anderson, Karlstad, Sweden, came to Chicago 1923; Owner, tool & die shop, Skokie, Illinois. Carl born 8/10/14.
3211 Lynne Carol 7/20/41; student, Cornell College, Iowa.
3212 Keith Richard 3/19/43; high school student, Skokie, Ill.

322 Elva Corinne 3/25/19 to Dale G. Lundquist, Chicago, 6/16/16; butcher, Anaheim, California.
3221 Christie Renis 11/15/46; high school student
3222 Paul Arthur 3/12/51
3223 John Lawson 6/20/54
3224 Claudia May 5/3/59
323 Paul Donald, Chicago, 9/1/21; married 2/14/47 to Myra C. Anderson, Chicago, 5/19/23; Tool & die maker; Skokie, Ill.
3231 Philip John 7/4/52;
3232 Robin Christine 11/15/54

33 Elof 12/19/1884 at Pålmark, to Greensburg, Pa. 1904, Chicago since 1909; Building contractor.

34 Helge Arthur 12/6/1886 at Pålmark, married 12/1/23 to Ellen Sandlund, Håkansö, 2/21/1899 (Ellen died 3/27/31); Arthur married 8/28/38 to Anna S. 11/24/04 (Ellen's sister); Hotel owner at Norrfjärden, near Piteå.

35 Lydia Johanna 1/1/1889 - 6/25/34

36 Gotthilf Adrian 3/11/1891 - 7/20/11

37 Gustaf Herman - died 6/24/05
twins
10/10/1892
38 Emma Adina - died 3/4/12

39 Eskil Bildad 4/9/1894 - 1/30/11

4 JOHN (Johan in Sweden) NYMAN 8/11/1854 - 12/8/24; to America 1879; married 12/28/1882 to
Emma Christina Johnson 3/21/62 - 8/22/39; to America 1881.

41 Ida Mary 9/2/83 - 6/20/25 married 2/24/03 to August L. Pearson 9/27/1877

411 Arthur Bernhard 12/20/04 married 6/22/33 to Hilma M. Johnson 9/17/05

4111 A rthur John 12/14/36

4112 Irene Lenore 10/24/39

412 Agnes Alfrida 8/16/07 married 8/23/29 to Floyd A. Burington 9/2/06

4121 Janice Luan 4/2/35, married 11/12/54 to Edward Scislow 8/21/32

41211 Jeffrey Floyd 8/1/56

4121 Jill Marie 10/8/59

4122 Linda Kay 2/11/45

4123 Bonnie Beth 5/15/50

413 Edwin LeRoy 4/17/10 married 10/6/38 to Mildred C. Nelson 8/11/11

4131 Belva Jeanne 10/11/39 married 3/25/59 to Clarke D. Johnson 5/11/36

41311 Maile Kuaihelani 1/25/60

4132 Robert LeRoy 4/13/41

4133 Paul Douglas 7/30/45

414 Anita Irene 6/22/12 married 8/5/33 to William A. Crandall, Jr. 11/6/09

4141 Beverly Elaine 10/19/34, married 11/28/53 to William A. Young 4/28/33

41411 Elizabeth Ann 8/15/56

41412 Rebecka Lee 5/7/58

41413 Roberta Laine 2/10/60

4142 William Allen III 8/23/38 married 11/28/59 to Judith Ann Johnson 12/14/38

415 Mildred Olivia 9/11/14 married 5/29/44 to Emil C. Reimer 4/29/08

4151 Meridee Lynn 3/7/45 - 3/9/45

4152 Dennis John 7/10/46

4153 Terrill Eugene 3/6/51

4154 Lois Marlayne 2/19/52

416 Vincent Leander 10/21/16 married 2/14/42 to Hazel L. Eastman 12/29/17

4161 David Leander 11/11/43

4162 Judith Lynn 2/28/45

417 Elaine Ione 2/16/19 married 12/25/41 to Lloyal O. Bacon 12/11/15

4171 Diane Jeanette 5/24/43

4172 Marlys Elaine 8/20/44

4173 Richard Lloyal 3/31/46

4174 Patricia Joanne 9/1/48

4175 James Robert 6/1/52

4176 Sherrill Anne 5/22/57

42 Hanna Christina 1/4/85 - 1/19/18 m. 2/15/05 to Neal Dirksen -11/12/52

421 George Rossman 1/22/06 m. 5/11/44 to Mary G. Pullen 6/23/19
4211 Malcolm Leroy 12/9/45
4212 Beth Suzanne 1/1/55

422 Archie Leroy 3/12/08

423 Wava Mae 3/20/10 m. 3/21/39 to Herman W. Johnson 9/8/07
4231 Harlan Jay 7/18/43
4232 Judy Ann 2/7/46

424 Dwight Melvin 6/9/14 m. 5/18/41 to Mae Irene Cain 12/6/15
4241 Mary Ann 4/7/42
4242 Donald Neal 12/7/45
4243 Jane Marie 2/21/53

425 Gladys Melva 11/24/15 m. 5/16/42 to Francis C. Eddy 5/16/18-8/31/56
4251 Neal Cleveland 2/21/46
4252 Carol Jolene 8/16/47

43 Laura Wilhelmina 11/19/86 - 8/ /17 m. 6/24/10 to John Nelson 3/12/70 - 9/15/54

431 June Marie 6/21/11 m. 6/21/28 to Cecil F. Smith 3/25/03
4311 Delores Irene 9/11/29 m. 7/9/50 to Alvin C. Cyphers 1/5/27
43111 Myron Alan 1/19/54
43112 Steven Gregory 7/28/56

4312 M. Joanne 4/20/34 m. 9/8/56 to Charles Koehler 3/12/25
43121 Frederick Charles 5/14/58
43122 Charles Bernhardt 6/11/60

4313 Carol Marie 12/21/37

4314 Robert Nelson 3/23/51 - 3/23/51

432 Floyd Carroll 12/14/14 m. 4/1/42 to Virginia Mortenson 9/17/16
4321 Carolyn Jean 12/7/42
4322 Douglas Roger 7/2/47

433 Ada Bernice 7/9/13 - 4/20/20

44 George William 8/16/88 m. 5/18/40 to Ethel Mary McFadden 5/13/93

45 Ellen Aldena 10/31/90 m. 10/31/18 to George C. Johnson 3/3/90

451 Evans Quentin 6/13/20 m. 12/6/46 to Lois Babbitt 10/24/18
4511 David Louis 7/28/48
4512 Donald Carl 7/28/48

452 Lois Loretta 11/21/21, married 1/31/49 to Robert Cunico 7/25/26
4521 Steven Duane 10/17/51
4522 Kenneth Robert 9/1/53 - 9/2/53

453 Viola Fern 10/28/24, m. 5/12/45 to Albert H. Karels 12/29/24
4531 Randal Wayne 10/7/46
4532 Bryan Albert 9/28/49
4533 Wendy Marlene 4/23/51
4534 Bruce Noel 12/24/52
4535 Wesley George 9/27/54
4536 Karen Ellen 11/22/55
4537 Brent Alden 4/21/58

454 Verda Mae 8/4/26, m. 11/23/47 to August Brandt 6/19/20
4541 Luan Miriam 1/2/49
4542 LaDene Verda 7/16/50
4543 Loren August 3/5/53
4544 Lennon Neil 9/11/56

455 Irene LaVonne 5/1/28

456 Wanda Naydine 12/18/31, m. 11/7/53 to Kermit Hopland 10/9/24
4561 Wanette Naydine 5/22/54
4562 Karlyn LaVonne 7/26/56

46 John Albin 3/19/93, m. 6/4/21 to Dollie V. Nielsen 3/21/96
461 Mavis Eileen 8/9/22, m. 10/27/46 to Dale E. Herzberg.2/27/15
4611 Ardith Elaine 10/30/50
4612 Dale Edward 8/11/53

462 John Chris (Jack) 10/30/26, m. 10/3/52 to Ruth Yvonne Ditsworth 9/24/34
4621 John Russell 3/4/54

47 James Peter 3/24/95 m. 5/9/23 to Alice Peterson 3/19/03
471 Wayne Lewis 4/5/26 m. 9/2/50 to Marjorie V. Nelson 11/26/24
4711 Darrell Wayne 1/16/52
4712 Douglas James 1/16/52
4713 Arlen Dean 10/17/53
4714 Debra Jean 5/24/55
4715 Dwayne Lewis 7/31/60
472 Dale James 6/4/31 m. 5/21/60 to Miriam Ann Buck 6/29/33

48 Carl Rubin 4/11/1897 m. 6/1/24 to Lila McIntosh 2/20/99
481 Sammy Jo 8/7/27 - 8/12/27
482 Darwin Bruce 12/17/30 m 6/5/54 to Elizabeth Peters 10/4/20
4821 Gail Elizabeth 4/9/58
4822 Carl Bruce 11/20/59

49 Esther Emma Elisabeth 7/20/99 - 5/18/25

50 Lillian Mathilda 1/28/02 m. 3/29/25 to Godfrey Anderson 3/29/01

4(10)1 Paul Oscar 5/23/28 m. 8/1/48 to Patricia Marie Jones 3/26/31
4(10)11 Mark Paul 7/22/54
4(10)12 Kathleen Marie 10/14/56
4(10)13 Diane Lee 6/16/58
4(10)14 Michael Alan 3/26/60

4(10)2 Sharon Lois 6/10/35

4(11) Edna Alfrida 9/3/04 m. 8/11/33 to Rudolph (Rudy) Peterson 7/18/07

4(11)1 Laurel Dean 12/24/34 m. 4/18/59 to Marilyn Falk 6/22/35
4(11)11 Sheila Rae 5/3/60

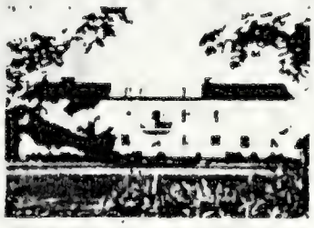
4(11)2 Alan Lee 8/24/37

4(12) Edwin 9/3/04 - 9/9/04

No. NAMES	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	OCCUPATION	IN MEMORIAM

PER NYMAN II PETTERSSON

Right: Pettersson with wife, Anna Mathilda, and children, Simon, Enoch and Aron. (Children not pictured: Ida, Amanda, Emma).



Hälsningar från Öjebyn

Far right: Simon Pettersson with wife, Ida, and daughter, Greta.

Below: Aldina Lundberg

MARIA WILHELMINA with husband, Nils Bernhard Lundberg.

Below: church attended by the Bernhard Lundberg family, at Gammalstad.

EMMA ALDINA

and her husband,

Petter Pettersson

Pettersson family on porch at Palmark. Standing: Adina, Arthur, Gotthilf, Johan, Bror, Elof, Lydia. Seated: Petter, Emma Aldina, Eskil.

Above: Palmark, home of Petter & Emma Aldina Pettersson & family.

Left: Norrfjarden church which their families now attend. Below: Arthur & Anna Pettersson by their home in Norrfjarden, Sweden, 1959.

PETERSON and PETTERSSON

The John Nyman descendants for whose autobiographies or biographies this publication was originally planned are deeply grateful for the assistance of other Nymans whose contributions have made possible a far more comphrehensive and interesting account.

Contributions by Arthur and Anna Pettersson in Sweden, and Elof, Bror and Lillian Peterson in Chicago are especially acknowledged here.

Because they write such interesting letters, and as an indication of what is involved in gathering information while on a trip, we quote portions of letters written by Bror and Lillian from Sweden during the summer of 1959:

(written on the back of an exterior view of "Kyrkan, Öjebyn" - see picture pages). "We have attended services in the old church three Sundays, although we have a beautiful church across the street from where we live here. It is called Norrfjärdens church and was built in 1913. Last visit here for us was in 1923 and we are enjoying it immensely and making many new friends instead of the old friends who are not here anymore. Everything here is modern and so many new homes have been built.

"Perhaps you can use these pictures, as they meant so much to our people. Elof sent us your letter. Yours, Bror and Lillian."

"We are working hard on this family tree, and hope to have it ready soon. Some records were destroyed by fire but we have been to different towns, cemeteries, ministers, attorneys and others. ... "

"We have gathered quite a collection of info which Lillian is trying to make readable. It will take a week or so more, and then we will mail it pronto."

"Sorry this has taken so long, but I have worked on it every spare minute since your letter came. There are still three dates from the ... family which I have not been able to get, but will send them later. Other dates that may seem missing, could not be found.

"I have marked the photos with crayon to match the record and hope it is clear. ...

" I have made each generation in a straight line, next line their ... We expect to be home the first week in September, so if there are any questions, write us there. ...

"We have been invited out every day, and right now I must hurry to get ready in time. Had a wonderful time, but strenuous.

"Hope this is satisfactory, as I have done my very best, and have kept Arthur and Anna busy getting info and taking us around.

"Can't you visit us sometime. Greetings to all. Yours, Lillian."

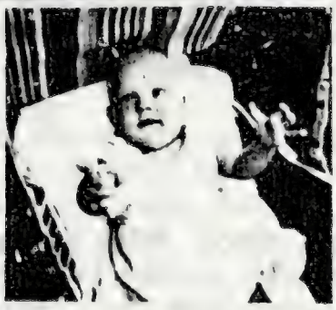
The pictures from Sweden and complete genealogical listing on preceding pages is a result of the Peterson's work.

Having only fragmentary knowledge of the Nymans' homes in Sweden, and sharing with others the desire to learn more and to make some future visit there as meaningful as possible, we asked Lillian a number of ques-

ELOF PETERSON,
Chicago, Illinois.

Below: The Dale & Corrinne (Peterson) Lundquist family. Christie, Paul, John & Claudia.

Below: A. I. (BROR) PETERSON, of Chicago, at Palmark lake, Sweden, 1959.



Left: A. I. (Bror) Peterson's wife, Lillian, and family.

Standing: Lynne & Keith Anderson, Doris Peterson Anderson, Paul Peterson. Seated: Lillian (Mrs. A. I.) Peterson, Carl Anderson, Myra (Mrs. Paul) Peterson, Robin & Philip Peterson, at Skokie, Illinois.

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tions after she and the others had supplied us with the family tree information. Believing that her answers to these questions will be equally interesting to others, we share her letter.

Chicago, Illinois
December 29, 1959

Dear Hilma:

Just received your letter dated December 16 and will try to make a few points clear. You should have been in my place this summer, and it would be much easier for you to get the picture.

PÅLMARK

John Nyman never lived there. His siter Emma Aldina came to Pålmark when she was married. She married a Petter Pettersson. However, I will tell you what I can about Pålmark.

There were two houses. The one with the three chimneys was where the family lived in the winter. Every spring this house was thoroughly cleaned, and the family moved to the other building where they stayed until fall. Both houses were completely furnished, so no furniture was moved. The small building by the shore was Bake house as well as laundry. There were ovens built right into the walls for baking hard tack, as we call it, or rye-crisp. There was also a built-in boiler for clothes. The building in the rear, that you asked about, is the cow barn and hayloft.

The fancy porch shown on the group picture was on the winter building, but the summer building had one that was very similar. This picture was taken in July, 1908.

They would average about 20 cows, 2 or 3 horses, 2 pigs , and a few sheep. The crops were mostly hay, barley, some oats and rye, and potatoes for personal use. Milk was hauled to the dairy.

Many years ago, we are told, some one predicted that Pålmark would be held by one family for twelve generations. This really happened. From the year 1575 the farm was passed down from father to son, until 1936 when it was sold.

Petter Pettersson, Bror's father, had no brothers nor sisters. When he moved to Norrfjärden (it was then Håkansö) the farm was taken over by the oldest boy, Johan. After Johan's death it was taken over by Arthur, who sold his home (it was also on this land, but around the lake) and moved to the original homestead. After the father, Petter Pettersson, died, Arthur sold Pålmark and moved to his father's home in Norrfjärden, where he still resides. (1)

The new owner of Pålmark is Arvid Sjöberg. He lived there about twenty years, doing nothing to preserve the place. There were acres of beautiful forests all around the property, but he has commercialized it to such an extent that the beauty is gone. Mr. Sjöberg has built another house hear the road, without a tree near his house. He is now a sick man, and complains of noise from the passing cars.

Pålmark now stands as a ghost of what was once a home admired by everyone in the community. We wonder if any of his sons will some day take over the old place, but we doubt it.

This one home was called "Pålmark" but the name has spread to the surrounding territory, and the entire village is now called "Pålmark." (2)

JOHN NYMAN'S BIRTH PLACE

The name of the village where John Nyman was born was Nybyn. This is on the north side of Nyby Lake, just above Pålmark Lake. His brother was Petter Nyman (3), later changed to Pettersson. The latter remained on the home site until he died. His son Simon has had charge of the farm in later years, and his daughter Grets with her family is still there, but Simon died just about a month ago, of a heart attack. (He just happened to be visiting in Norrfjärden, next door to Bror's brother, Arthur.) That is all we know about it. I am quite sure we sent you a picture of this place where John Nyman was born. (4) The homes are very similar up there. They also had a summer and a winter house, and barns. The original buildings are no more, so the place looks different, but the same style of building.

MISCELLANEOUS

As to the size of farms, it would not be possible for us to even estimate. Perhaps Arthur would be able to help you, if there is still time to send for it. His address is just Arthur Pettersson, Norrfjärden, Sweden. His wife has studied a little English, and if you can not write Swedish there would be somone who could translate it.

"Torget" meant Public Square. The church house on the picture (4) also belonged to the Pålmark Petterssons. There was a fire and many of these houses were destroyed and evidently that is what happened to the one belonging to Peter Nyman Pettersson. They were all quite similar. You ask what they are used for now. They are still being used by other people who have bought them. (5)

The Öjeby church (where Nyman's parents belonged) is just across the street from the church house you see on the picture. (4) The older members of the family are buried there, but there are very few markers. A chart in the church would give a little idea of where they are. We looked around but found nothing.

Several villages, among them Nybyn, Pålmark, and Norrfjärden have now combined, and the church is in Norrfjärden. The church was built in 1912, so since that time, these people have been buried in the churchyard there. It is a beautiful church (4), and we have never seen a cemetery so beautifully cared for. Every grave seems to have fresh flowers all the time. We are having a few prints made from some slides we took, and hope you can make use of them. (6)

None of the family are buried in Piteå, and never belonged to that congregation. Öjebyn is about two English miles from Piteå. (7)

Please note that Maria W. Nyman never lived in Hemmingsmark. Her husband was from there. This place is a few miles south of Pålmark, as you can see by the map (7) that Bror sketched, to give you a little idea of how the land lays.

In regard to cars: They are mostly Volvo and Volksvagn, and some English made Fords. There are not so many large cars. Roads are being improved all over, as they have been far too narrow for the present day travel. People drive fast, on the left hand side of the road. This seems comparatively easy to become accustomed to, even for an American.

All of these people were farmers.

The Nils Lundberg home is still held by the same family, as well as the Petter (PER) Nyman Pettersson's.

There would be no trouble finding these places.

By rail: Take train to Alvsbyn; change there for Pitea. Bus goes from there to Norrfjarden. Its about 35 English miles (8) from Alvsbyn to Pitea.

By air: Fly to Lulea. Take bus to Norrfjarden, about 5 English miles.

I wish you could all go there. The people are all so friendly. Just glad to serve you, and their "Bakelser" are out of this world. We have just finished writing 70 letters (in Swedish) to Sweden, to people who entertained us. We were on the go constantly. We likes the young people so much. They are quite serious minded, and seem to know so much about what is going on in the world. They travel a great deal, and go in for a very good education. So many were away at school. Not many of the older people up where we were speak English, but the children are learning it in school. However, one has a much better time with two languages. They tell me I did very well. We were there in 1923, but never speak Swedish at home. (9)

The clock is striking midnight and so I think I had better stop. I hope everything is O. K. now. If not, let me know.

Give our regards to Arthur, and any other relatives who might be interested.

Yours,

Bror sends greetings too. Lillian P.

Bror asked me to mention also that these people were all deeply religious without being fanatics. This trait is still very evident. The church is all-important, and has been as far back as the record goes. This summer they had a conference in Norrfjarden. They had a tent that seated 2,000, and the church seats 1,000. Every seat was taken, and people were outside listening to loud speakers as well. Young people as well as older ones too active part. Every home was opened to those w who lived farther away, were old, feeble, or had no church house.

We are enclosing a view of church houses in Ojebyn and some other pictures we just got from photographer. (4)

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EDITOR'S NOTES:

(1) Owns and operates "privat Hotellet" , the Norrfjarden hotel.

(2) Elof tells us that he and his brothers were known as "Palmark pojkarna."

(3) Also called Per Nyman and referred to in genealogical listings as Per Nyman II Pettersson.

(4) See picture page.

(6) Not included in this book because they did not reproduce well , being colored. We shall be glad to share them with you.

(7) Map follows. Elof says that Palmark is off highway 13, approximately half way between Pitea and Lulea. Norrfjarden church can be seen from the highway.

(8) Sweden uses the metric system. We specify English miles here for the sake of those not acqauinted with the metric system. One Swedish mile is approximately 7 English miles.

(5) Church houses were houses, sometimes duplexes, near the church where people would live while they were in church several days at a time. Each family who lived far away had one. These houses were not occupied at other times.

We asked Elof when he visited us recently who did the chores at home when farmers stayed at their church house and he explained that not all in a family could attend services of this kind together but that they took turns. Some special holidays and events were for the older folks, some for the young people, etc. Families made up their own schedule for attendance. With the advent of faster transportation, these customs will be changing.

THE "SAME" OR "LAPLANDER"

Students who might wish to study the Laplander or Same, as they prefer to be called, might secure some information from the Petersons.

Maps show the word Lapland written across the area north of the Scandinavian countries, Finland and Russia. These people have a language and customs differing from their neighbors to the South.

In the winter the Sames come down from the dark, snowcovered areas into northern Sweden, seeking feed for their reindeer herds. In the Lulea and Pitea areas they generally live in tents. Petter Pettersson sometimes opened their family's summer house at Palmark for the use of some of these people. They prepared food outdoors, over open fires.

They domesticated a few deer, which they drove with a single rein, indicating right or left turns by permitting the rein to touch the desired side of the neck. Dogs were trained to help these men herd their deer to pasture in the morning and back down to camp near the villages in the evening.

We understand that "Palmark pojkarna" found the ways of the "Same" or "Laplander" very interesting, but that modern Swedes often do not see them, as they do not come South much now.

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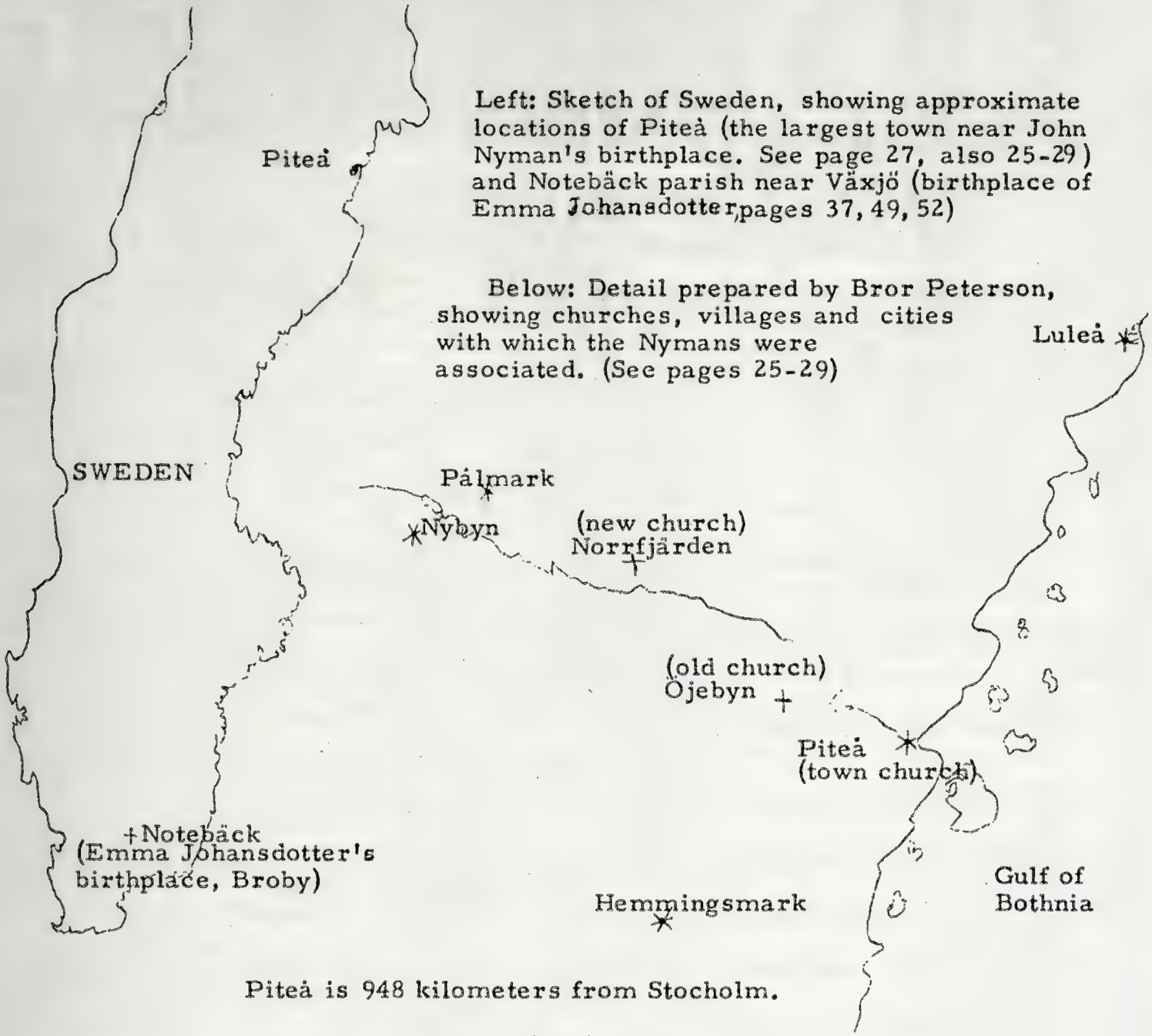
In an early letter to the editor, Ellen Nyman Johnson wrote, "Father's brothers and sisters remained in Sweden. Two nephews, A. I. (Bror) and Elof Peterson, sons of his sister Emma, live in Chicago, where A. I. has been a painter, interior decorator; and Elof, a general contractor. Both have been prominent in musical circles, members of the "Norrlandssingers" which toured Sweden and parts of Europe on two occasions." They have also sung in most of the larger cities of America and at many special event. The most recent of these occasions was the 1960 Republican Convention in Chicago.

Left: Sketch of Sweden, showing approximate locations of Piteå (the largest town near John Nyman's birthplace. See page 27, also 25-29) and Notebäck parish near Växjö (birthplace of Emma Johansdotter, pages 37, 49, 52)

Below: Detail prepared by Bror Peterson, showing churches, villages and cities with which the Nymans were associated. (See pages 25-29)



Piteå is 948 kilometers from Stocholm.

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The following, quoted from a letter from Ellen Nyman Johnson to the editor, may help us understand Per Nyman I and his wife.

"I have three letters written to father - one by his mother, one by his father, and one by an uncle - which you may read. His mother was very much concerned about his religious life 'in this new country' and wondered if he had any opportunity to attend services and communion. All three letters inquire about religion and opportunities in America."

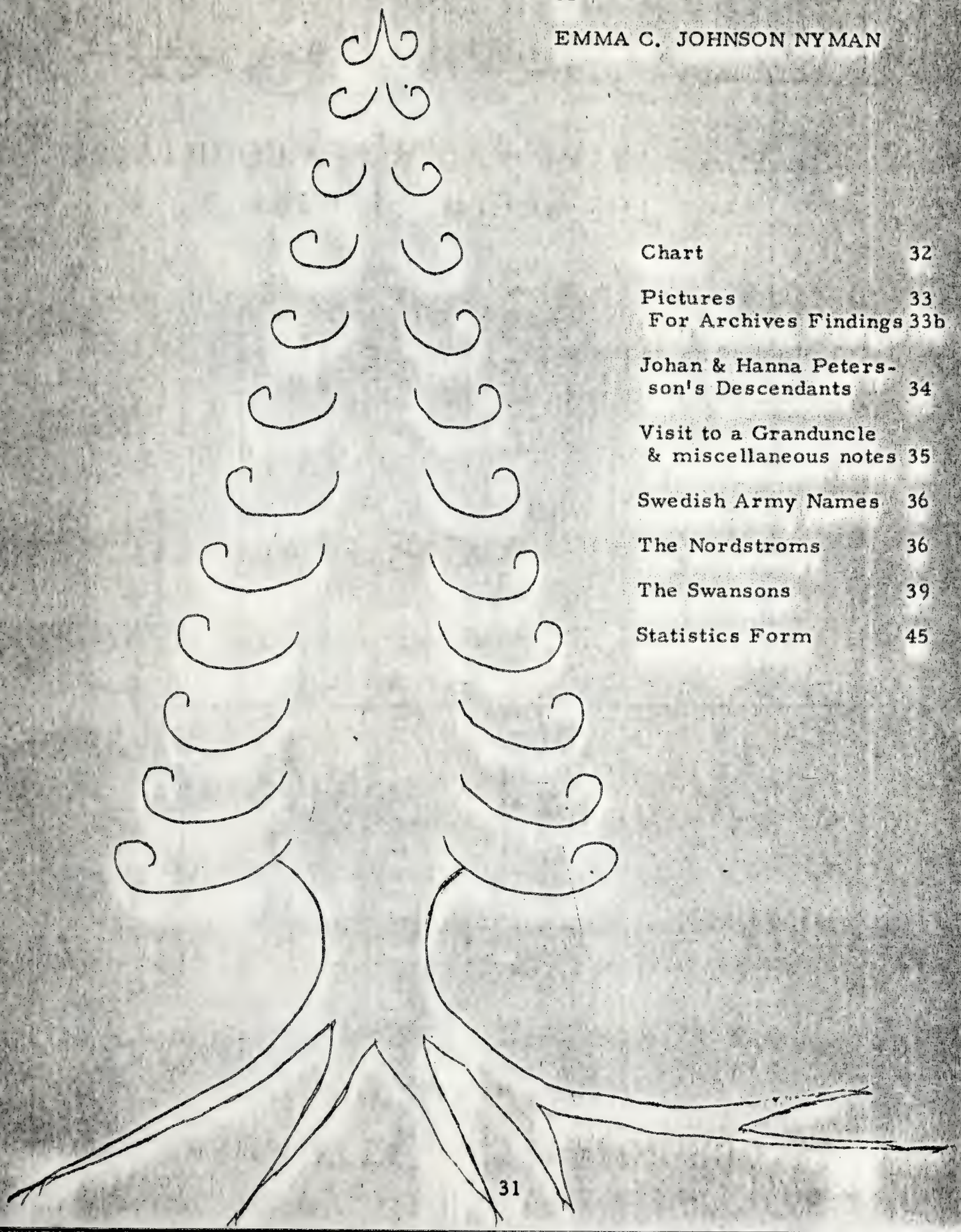
Ellen has also given us some statistics which might be added to those given at the top of page 12.

Magdalena Wilhelmina Gotthold passed away in 1888.
Per Nyman I and Magdalena were married 12/9/1844

ANCESTORS and KINSMEN

of

EMMA C. JOHNSON NYMAN



earliest known generation	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Peter Sönason Ingeborg Peterson, wife	Sven	Sune Steele (Pa. and Minn.)			
	Magnus — Katrina, Gustav, Karl				
	Sune — Johan, Ingrid	Helena Oberg	Mathilda, Alfred, 3 names unknown		
	Solomon — Ida, Peter	Gustav Sylvester Johnson (Swedish name, Ek) (Ohio)	Hanna*, Edward, Emil, William		
	Johan Hanna, wife (died in Safsjo, Mar. 10,1895)	Karl Magnus Quist (Kansas)	Hilma*, Theodore *, Elin *		
		Peter Fyhr (Sweden)	Hulda, Hanna		
	Maria — Katrina, Johan	Ingrid Maria Nordstrom (Pa.)	Alfred *, Hilma, Carl Albert, Emil, John, Hjalmar	Charles David — Karen, David, Karl William Robert	
		Samuel Alfred Broberg (Kansas)			
		Emma Christina Nyman (Iowa)..... See page 49 ff			
		Eva Frederika Swanson (Minnesota) .... See page 39 ff			

*indicates known dead in later generations

JOHAN and

HANNA

PETERSSON

THEIR HOME

DESCENDANTS of JOHAN AND HANNA PETERSSON

Note: See picture page for picture of Johan and Hanna Petersson. Their children's surname was Johansson or Johansdotter in Sweden. Johan came from Säfsjö and Hanna came from Jönköping.

1. Helena married Oberg, lived in Sweden
   Mathilda and 4 other children, names unknown.

2. John Steele, first wife was Anna; married twice again after her death.
   Charles Steele, Scottdale, Pa.; has 4 children
   2 children, names unknown, in Minnesota

3. Peter J. Fyhr, wife's name unknown, lived in Sweden
   Hulda
   Hanna

4. Carl Quist; wife Charlotte; lived in Kansas
   Theodore
   Hilma
   Elin

5. Ingrid Maria, married Charles B. Nordstrom; lived in Pennsylvania.
   Alfred William
   Hilma Josephine, Pennsylvania
   Carl Albert; wife Jennie Carlson; Minneapolis, Minnesota
   George Emil; wife Arlene Kunsman; Michigan
      Robert Eugene
      Charles David; wife, Jean Zeigler; Michigan
         Karen Jean
         David Charles
         Karl Robert
   John William; wife, Lenore Kelly; Ohio
      John William, Jr.
      Harold Robert
   Hjalmar Theodore; wife, Elizabeth Clossin; Michigan

6. Gustav Johnson; wife, Christina; Ohio
   Emil; wife, Emma
   Edward; wife, Nora
   Hanna; husband, John Carlson
      Edward
         2 children
      Leroy
      Viola
   William; wife, Mary; Ohio - Children: Mildred, Leroy, 3 names unknown.

7. Samuel Broberg; wife, Anna; Kansas.

8. Emma; husband, John Nyman; Iowa
   Children: Ida, Hanna, Laura, George, Ellen, John, James, Carl, Esther, Lillian, Edna, Edwin

9. Eva Frederika; husband, August Swanson; Minnesota
   Children: Emma, Samuel, Emil, Elsie, Arthur, Chester, Oscar, Eva.

This information which I have written was dictated by Mother to brother John. We found it in her Bible.

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A TALE OF MOTHER'S VISIT TO HER GREAT-UNCLE

Sven Sönason was a venerable gentleman who lived in Tävelsås in the province of Jönköping, Sweden. He had two daughters, Christina and Johanna. Johanna had three children. Christina was unmarried and lived with her father on the old farm.

One of the daughters of Sven Sönason was the Godmother of Ingrid Maria Johanson (my mother), who was a daughter of Johan Peterson (my grandfather). Sven Sönason was very fond of his nephew Johan Peterson.

The old gentleman wore a frocked jacket and breeches of velvet with large silver buckles at his knees, long white stockings and velvet shoes with silver buckles. A tight vest and a large belt completed his outfit.

His hair was long and white and his face, although wrinkled and marked by the furrows of time, still revealed his benign countenance. At the time of this description he was 81 years of age.

Johan Peterson his nephew (son of his brother Peter Sönason) was constantly reprimanded by his uncle for not bringing the children to visit him when he so often came to market. In response to this request Johan brought Ingrid Maria and several of the other children to him. The old gentleman greeted them with great delight. They stayed a short time and he again scolded them for not remaining longer as his daughter had cooked a pot of white porrige (rice).

Sven Sönason had a quaint manner of speech which the children copied when they arrived home. This caused much laughter and hilarity in the Peterson household.

NOTES

'Don't have any dates but Sönason lived between 1850 and 1860, at the time of Mom's visit. Some of these folks lived on farms, others in the towns of Växsjö and Jönköping. If Sven Sönason was 81 at the time of Mother's visit, he must have been born during or near 1784.

When Peter Sönason (Grandfather's father) died, his wife Ingeborg came to stay with her son. Mother said she took care of the children. She taught Mother to knit by making stockings for the cat. She also gave the grandchildren a maxim which Mother handed down to us, "Folks can see how a job is done but they can't see how long it took to complete it."

One of Mother's (Ingrid Maria) uncles came to America before the Civil War. Located in Illinois. Had two sons, married. Both killed in the Civil War. His wife and two daughters-in-law died of fever. The old man, alone, wrote to his sister (Grandmother) to send him one of her daughters or other relative and he would make that person his heir. Grandmother was skeptical and refused the offer. Mother was twelve years old at the time and pestered her mother to let her go. She often wondered how her life would have been if she could have gone.

Jönköping a town in Sweden near Grandfather's home Möbbeled. In the län or county of Jönköping situated at the south end of the lake 115 miles east of Gothenburg. Famous for matches, paper, carpets and tobacco, etc. Several Swedish parliaments have been held there and peace was signed there between Sweden and Denmark in 1809.

SWEDISH ARMY NAMES

Mother's brothers all served in the Swedish Army where they were given names instead of numbers, thus:

Sune was Stal
Peter was Fyhr
Samuel was Broberg
Karl was Kvist (Quist)
Gustav was Ek

Gustav was the only one who adopted his father's name when he came to America. So his name was Gustaf Johnson from his father's name Johan or John Peterson.

Uncle Steele served in the Army quite a while and was one of the king's guards. Mother said they picked the tallest and best looking for that job.

Uncle Fyhr was the only one who made army life a career. So on his retirement was given a small homestead instead of pension.

I have a picture of his home and family.

THE NORDSTROMS

The Nymans are indebted to cousin Hilma Nordstrom for the genealogy and much other interesting information included in this section. She spent much time gathering material for us. It is fortunate that she has been a good listener when her mother spoke and that her brother John and their mother also made some notes which were kept in the family Bible. We can only wish that more had been recorded. We appreciate also Hilma's scientific attitude in that she aims to verify the half-forgotten items before passing them along. In this connection, we quote a portion from one of her letters to the editor of this publication:

> About that Arctic explorer I mentioned, Mother talked so much about her home environs and people, but I can't remember all the details. One story was about the ruins of Brahe Castle. This I can't recall. I know I used it as a theme for an essay when I was in high school. For my pains the Principal said it sounded impossible - like a fairy tale. These ruins were in the vicinity of Mother's home.
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> I think it would be best to either drop the story or defer it, hoping to get details. Mother said this man lived not far away, but if it was a near relative or one of her family connected with him, I can't prove.

You know family legends are many and interesting, especially if they can be backed by proof. So I don't want to put into print something we can't prove to be the truth. If as you say you intend to secure information from the archives in Sweden you may be able to get more details about the family.

Hilma Nordstrom is the only daughter of Ingrid Maria Johanson Nordstrom (known to some of us as Mary Nordstrom), Emma Nyman's sister. Ingrid Maria and her husband made their home in Pennsylvania, where they raised their children.

Hilma now lives at Gallitzin, Pennsylvania. Her brothers (all use Nordstrom name) George and Hjalmar Theodore live in Michigan, Carl lives in Minneapolis, and John in Ohio. Alfred passed away.

To her nephew, John Wm Nordstrom, Jr., who is interested in genealogy, we express best wishes for the uncovering or verification of more information and interesting stories.

The listing of Johan and Hanna Petersson's descendants indicates that Hilma Nordstrom has several nephews but no neice. She tells that when her nephew's daughter, Karen Jean, was born, Hilma's brother John phoned her that a 2-way ticket was on its way for her to come to the Christening service, because it would be interesting to see the only two Miss Nordstroms in the family together.

It was to the home of Ingrid Maria Nordstrom that her sister Emma went when she came from Sweden. It was here that she met and married John Nyman. It was in honor of her sister that Emma and John called their first child Ida Maria.

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Johan Petersson was an inn keeper. The king of Sweden stopped at their place several times in his travels about the country. Horses, meals and lodging were provided. See page 33 for pictures of the Peterssons and their home, near Vaxjo.

Petersson was dignified, proud and serious. At one time he was invited to attend a big community celebration at a neighboring town in honor of a notable army officer relative who was visiting there. "If he wants to see me he knows where I live," replied Peterson. He was not one to kotow to higher social classes or rank.

Steele was the first of the Peterssons to come to America. He sent for his girl friend and after they had established their home, sent for his sister Ingrid Maria (Mary), who met her future husband at the Steele home. She became Mrs. Nordstrom. Then Steele sent for his sister Emma, who eventually met and married John Nyman. In all, three sisters and three of his brothers came.

See page 32, 2nd generation column. Johan Petersson was born in 1817 and died 1900. His wife Hanna (or Johanna) Samuelson was born in 1824 and died 1894. or 1895.

Clockwise, beginning upper left:
1) Theodore Quist, 1958;
2) Carl Quist, Hilma, Elin, Theodore, Mrs. Quist;
3) Mary Nordstrom & Emma Nyman;
4) Hilma Quist, Mary Nordstrom, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Broberg;
5) Samuel Broberg, Carl Johnson, Mary Nordstrom, Mrs. Quist, Hilma, Carl, Seated - Theodore, Elin, 1921;
6) Eva Swanson, Emma Nyman;
7) Ida Nyman, Elin & Hilma Quist about 1899;
8) Mary Nordstrom with her brothers, Carl Quist and Samuel Broberg;
9) Mary Nordstrom with her sisters, Emma Nyman & Eva Swanson;
10) Broberg, Eva, Hilma Quist, Theodore;
11) Emil Swanson & Theodore Quist, January 1947.

NELS AUGUST SWANSON

Mr. Nels Swanson passed away at his home near Oak Park, Minnesota on April 29, 1923 after suffering a paralytic stroke while pumping water four days earlier.

The deceased was born in Småland, Sweden on March 5, 1860 and was 63 years of age. He came to the United States in 1882 and located at Swea City, Iowa where he met Miss Eva Fredericka Johnson and they were married at Blue Earth, Minnesota in 1888 and settled down in Mankato, Minnesota. They moved to Benton County and settled on a farm east of Foley in 1904.

Eight children were born to this union, three of whom are still living: a daughter, Mrs. Theodore Kjormoe, and two sons, Emil and Chester; a sister in Sweden and several grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the family residence at 1 o'clock and in the Swedish Lutheran church in Oak Park, Minnesota at 2 o'clock on Tuesday. Reverend H. J. Yngve and Reverend C. A. Samuelson conducted the services. The remains were shipped to Mankato and interred in the Mount Olivet Cemetery on Thursday.

MRS. EVA SWANSON

Mrs. Eva Swanson, 88 years, passed away at the St. Cloud, Minnesota hospital on Saturday, January 17, 1953 after a lingering illness.

The deceased, the former Eva Fredericka Johnson, was born in Växjö, Småland, Sweden on September 29, 1864.

In 1882 she came to this country, settling first at Marquette, Kansas and later moved to Swea City, Iowa; then in 1888 moved to Mankato, Minnesota and was married the same year to Nels August Swanson at Blue Earth, Minnesota. They made their home in Mankato until coming to Benton County in 1904 where they settled on a farm east of Foley.

Three children survive: Emil and Mrs. Theodore Kjormoe of rural Oak Park, Minnesota and Chester of Vallejo, California. Three other children passed away as infants, also a daughter Emma at the age of 14 years and a son Arthur 6 years. There are nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren (now 13).

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Maywood Mission Covenant Church near Foley with Reverend Irving Carlson and Reverend Arthur Olson officiating. Pallbearers were: Arthur Kjormoe, Melvin Swanson, Kenneth Swanson, Melvin Martinson, Albert Modrow and Clinton Swanson. A solo was sung by Alex Neslund and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson. Interment was held on Thursday afternoon at the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Mankato.

NELS AUGUST and EVA SWANSON'S CHILDREN

1 - Emma Frederica Swanson, June 21, 1885 - August 9, 1899.

2 - Samuel Swanson, July 4, 1888 - July 14, 1888.

3 - Emil Bernard Swanson, July 19, 1889.

4 - Elsie Marion Swanson (Kjormoe), August 21, 1891.

5 - Arthur Swanson, August 10, 1893 - August 21, 1899.

6 - Chester Swanson, June 28, 1896.

7 - Oscar Swanson, April , 1903 - January 9, 1904.

8 - Eva Swanson, March 21, 1905 - March 24, 1905.

Emil

Emil Bernard, born in Mankato, Minnesota, July 19, 1889, to Nels August and Eva Swanson. He moved with his parents and family to a farm near Foley, Minnesota in October 1904.

Married to Miss Ellen Marie Lind on November 14, 1917. Mrs. Swanson was born November 14, 1895 to John E. Lind and Mary (Larson) Lind near Foreston, Minnesota where they farmed. Both were born in Sweden and later came to St. Cloud, Minnesota where they were married in early 1895. Moved to Foreston vicinity in 1896.

Emil and Ellen Swanson have lived on their farm east of Foley, Minnesota the past 41 years, now retiring. He is a veteran of World War I. Children were: 1 - Emily Marie, born July 24, 1918. 2 - Melvin A., born October 13, 1920. 3 - Leonard W., born April 22, 1923. 4 - Doris E., born December 25, 1926.

EMILY

Emily was married September 14, 1943 to Robert G. Sackett of Dodge Center, Minnesota, then serving in the Coast Guard. For the past six years they have been residents of Laramie, Wyoming, where he is Professor of Agronomy at the University of Wyoming. He farmed near Dodge Center before going to Wyoming. Their children are: Carol age 15 years, Richard age 12 years, Connie age 4½ years.

MELVIN

Melvin A. Swanson of Gary, Indiana. Taxi cab driver and former owner of the Yellow Cab Company there. A diabetic since age of 12 years. Not married.

CORP. LEONARD

Corp. Leonard Wm. Swanson entered the Army in March 1943, was married to Miss Ethel Gough of Chicago, Illinois in June of 1943 near Camp Wheeler, Georgia, where he was stationed. Later transfered to Camp Blanding, Florida as an instructor in the Infantry Division; was killed in action near St. Lo, France, on August 8, 1944, after less than one month overseas at the age of 21 years. Survived by wife Ethel and daughter Lenette who was born February 6, 1945. Ethel remarried in 1952 to Max Schiebold of Lincoln Park, Michigan, where he is employed at the Ford Factory.

DORIS

Doris Ellen was married May 24, 1948 in Chicago, Illinois, where she was employed, to Mr. Lawrence Gough of Chicago (brother-in-law of Leonard) then serving in the Navy. Residents of Morton Grove, Illinois. He is a Dental Laboratory Technician and part owner of two laboratories in Evanston, Illinois. They have one adopted daughter Gail Ellen, 4½ years old, adopted when five weeks old.

Elsie

Elsie Marion Swanson, born at Mankato, Minnesota, August 21, 1891, married Theodore Kjormoe, born at Egersund, Norway, February 17, 1881. They had three children, all born at Oak Park, Minnesota: 1 - Arthur Theodore, May 30, 1913, 2 - Eva May, May 8, 1915, 3 - Clarence August, November 22, 1917. He passed away May 30, 1921.

Theodore and Elsie have farmed since their marriage, and continue living at their farm home near Oak Park, where Theodore still finds work to do.

ARTHUR

Arthur, unmarried, makes his home with his parents, while operating the farm. He serves as member of the Maywood Township Board.

EVA

Eva May married Melvin Martinson, born March 11, 1915. Melvin farms and works at Franklin Manufacturing Company in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Children: James, born April 27, 1943 and Kaye, born October 24, 1949.

Chester

Chester John Swanson was born at Mankato, Minnesota on June 28, 1896. In October of 1904, he moved with his parents to a farm near Oak

Park, Minnesota.

On December 2, 1920, he was married to Miss Mabel V. Lundstrom of Milaca, Minnesota. They purchased a farm near Oak Park and resided there until 1941 when Chester went to Seattle, Washington where he was employed on construction and also in the Puget Sound Navy Yard at Bremerton. His family moved there in January 1944. They resided there until March of 1946 when they returned to the farm.

In 1948, they moved to Milaca, where they have resided since, with the exception of two years which were spent in California. Chester is doing carpentry work. They have four children: Elvera, Kenneth, Elaine and Gerald.

ELVERA

Elvera was born October 11, 1921. On October 15, 1940, she was married to Albert Modrow of McGrath, Minnesota. In 1953, they moved to Willow River, Minnesota. Albert works at the State Hospital in Moose Lake. They have three children: Vernon, age 18; June, age 15; and Donald, age 11.

KENNETH

Kenneth was born May 31, 1924. After finishing school in Milaca, he worked in the Navy Yard at Bremerton, Washington, until he joined the Marine Air Corps in January 1944. After completing his basic training in California, he served in several Pacific Islands, including Okinawa and the occupation of Japan. He was discharged in April 1946. On June 2, 1948, he was married to Miss Verneth Johnson of Milaca. They now live in Minneapolis where he is employed at Butler Manufacturing Company. They have two children: James, age 10, and Patti Jo, age 6.

ELAINE

Elaine was born November 15, 1927. On November 4, 1946, she was married to Clinton Swanson of Foreston. They have made their home in Milaca. Clinton owns and operates a gas transport. They have three children: Richard, age 12, Marcia, age 7, and Terrance, age 2½.

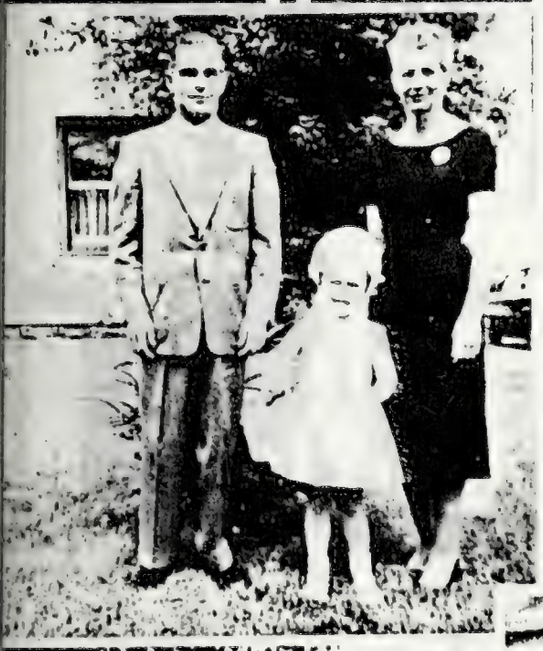
GERALD

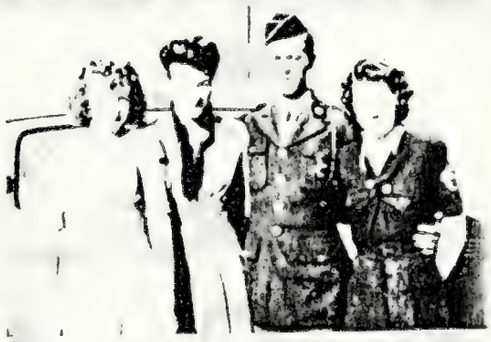
Gerald was born December 12, 1936. On December 20, 1958 he was married to Miss Nancy Dahlstrom of Milaca. They live in Milaca where Gerald is employed at Cresthaven Dairy and Nancy attends St. Cloud Teachers College.

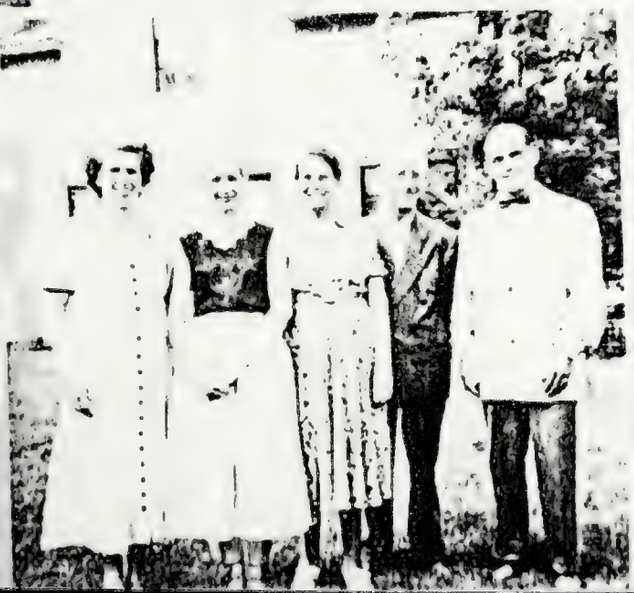





Clockwise, beginning upper left:
1) NELS & EVA SWANSON;
2) EVA;
3) Double 4 generations - Mrs. Mary Lind, Ellen, Emily, Robert, Emil, Mrs. Eva Swanson, Carol Sackett, 1945;
4) ELLEN & EMIL;
5) Cpl. Leonard Swanson, 1943
6) Ethel & Leonard, 1942;
7) Doris, Ethel, Leonard, Emily, 1943;
8) Robert & Emily Sackett, Richard, Connie, Carol;
9) Emily, Doris, Ellen, Robert, Melvin, 1956;
10) Lawrence & Doris Gaugh;
11) Melvin, Gail, Doris;
12) Lenette Schiebold, age 14 (daughter of deceased Cpl. Leonard Swanson & wife Ethel, now Mrs. Schiebold).






KJORMOE

Ellen, George Nyman, Elsie, Mr. & Mrs. Barth, Theodore, Eva with Kaye, Arthur, Emil, Mabel, Chester.

Arthur, Theodore, Elsie Eva Martinson

Melvin, Kaye & James Martinson

CHESTER & MABEL

Left: Elaine & Clinton Swanson, Terrance, Richard, Marcia.
Lower left: Kenneth & Vernette, Jimmie & Patti Jo.
Upper right: Elvera & Albert Modrow, Donald, June, Vernon.
Lower right: Gerald & Nancy.

NAMES	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	OCCUPATION	IN MEMORIAM

JOHN and EMMA NYMAN FAMILY

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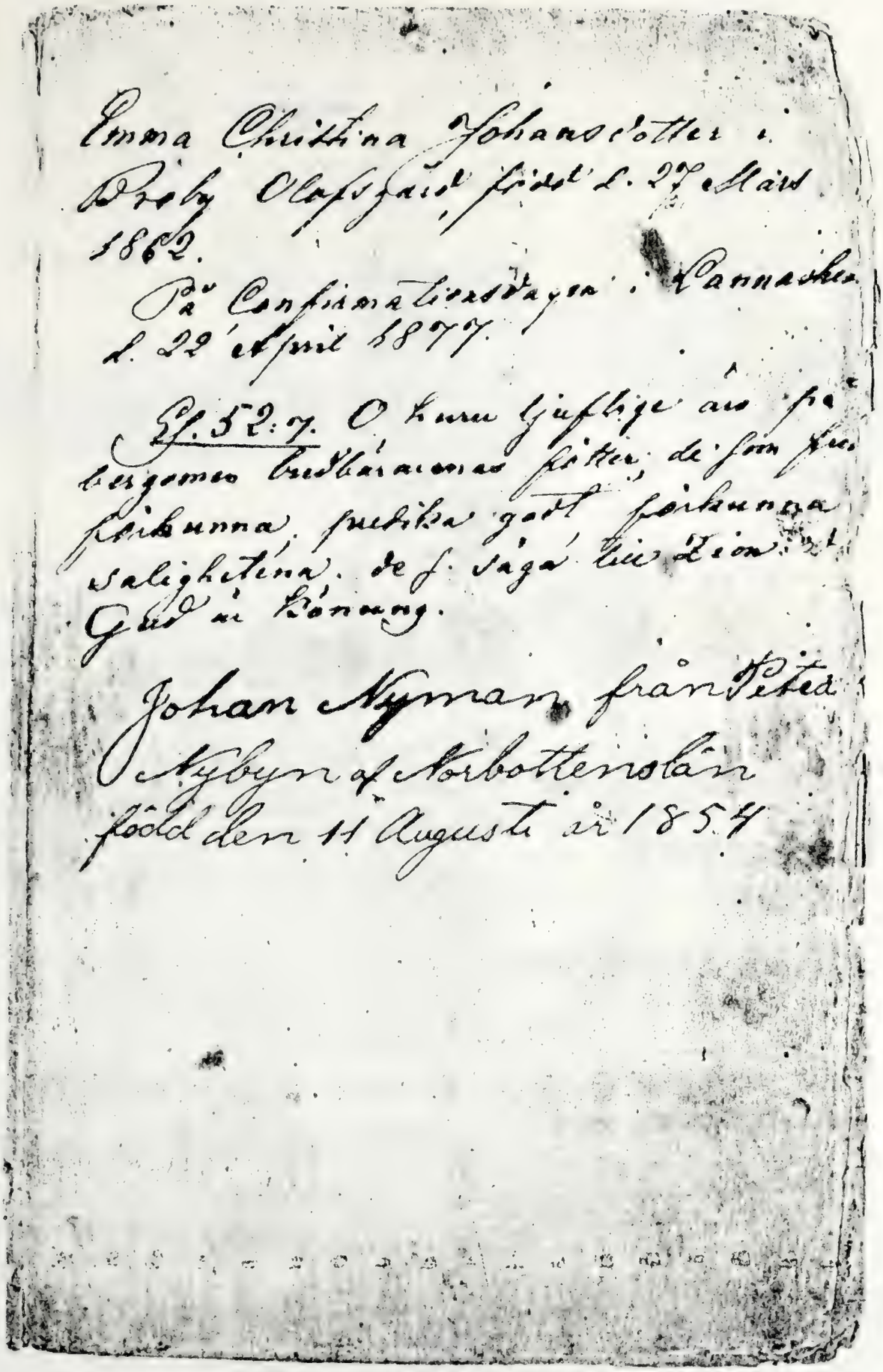
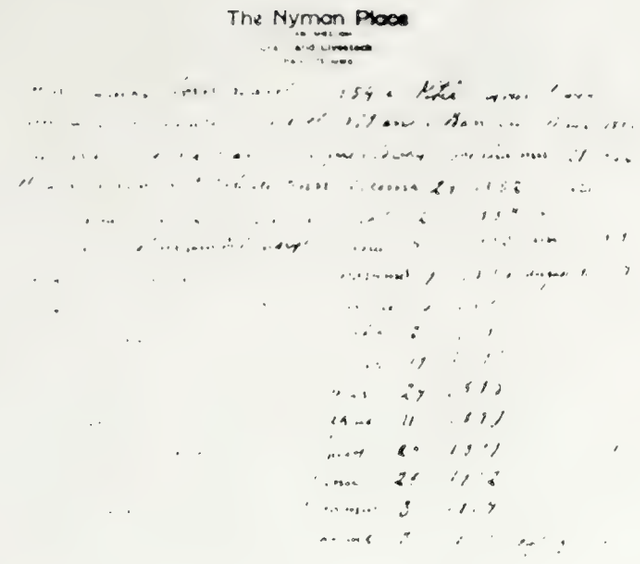


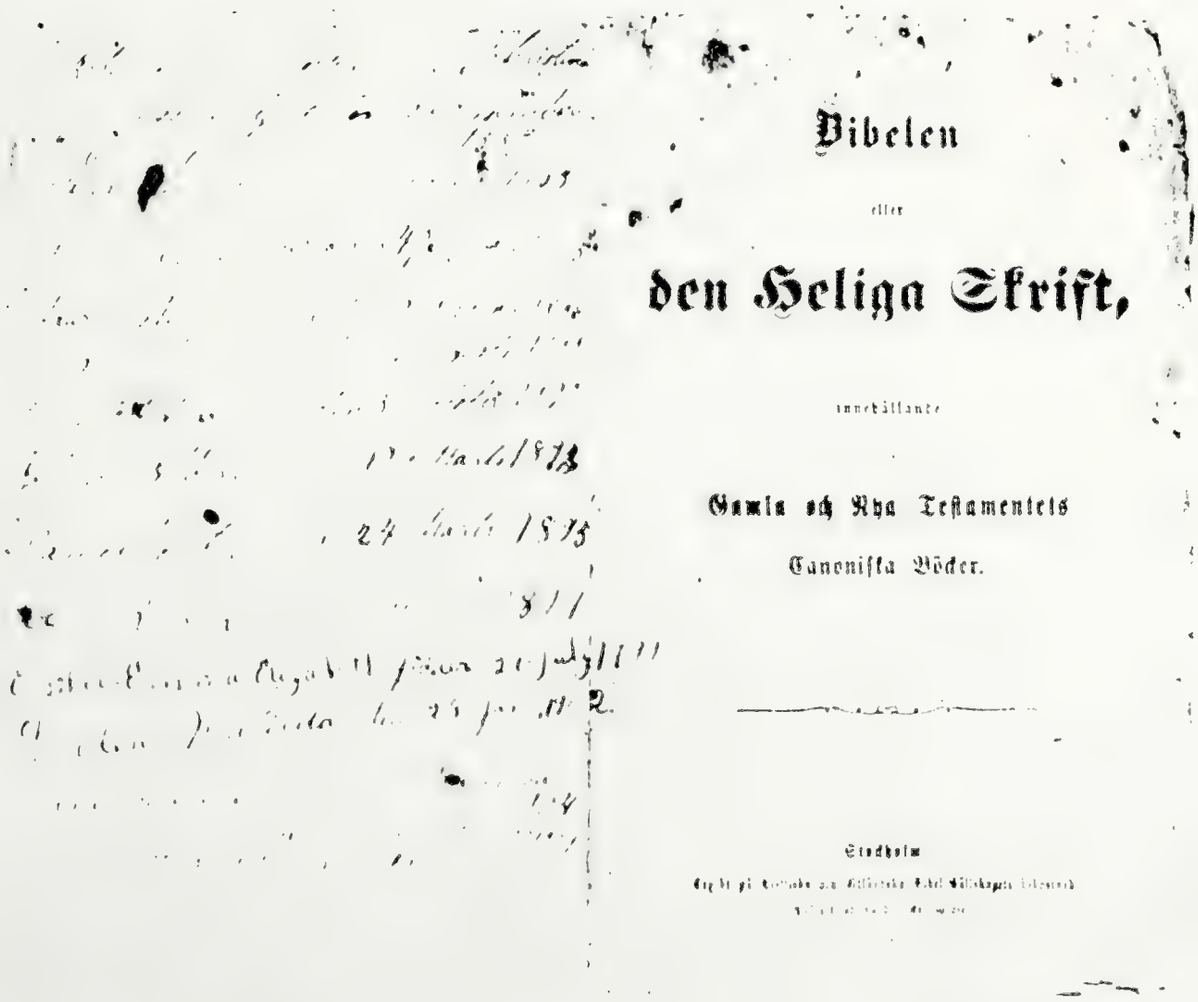
Emma Christina Johansdotter i
Broby Olofsfäl föd. d. 27 Mars
1862.
Pe Confirmationsdagen i Pannaskog
d. 22 April 1877.
Ps. 52:7. O hvur ljuflige äro på
bergomen budbärarnas fötter, de som fre
dkunna, predika godt förkunna
saligheten, de säga till Zion: din
Gud är konung.
Johan Nyman från Pited
Nybyn af Norrbottenslän
född den 11 Augusti år 1854

Shown here is fly leaf of Emma Christina Johansdotter's confirmation Bible. Lines two and three show her birth place and date; lines four and five, her confirmation. The last three lines, written later by her husband, show his Swedish name, Johan Nyman, with his birth place and birth date.



Left: John Nyman's letter-head with names and birth dates of family in his handwriting, except for later death dates.

Below: pages from Nyman family Bible



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JOHN

EMMA

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John, in Sweden.

Left: John & Emma Nyman.

Third row: Emma with U. S. & service flags, 1919.

Lower left: John Nyman with team at Bancroft.

Center & below: Emma & John in later years.

JOHN & EMMA

John (Johan, in Sweden) Nyman and Emma Christina Johnson (Johansdotter, in Sweden), immigrants met and were married at Scottdale, Pennsylvania.

As shown on lineage chart in this book, John, born August 11, 1854, was the youngest of the four children of Per Nyman I and his wife Magdalena Wilhelmina Gotthold. Neither of his sisters nor his brother came to America, although some nephews did come. His parents were farmers at Nybyn, between Pitea and Lulea in Norrbottens Lan, Sweden. Their home was on Nyby Lake connecting with Palmark Lake, on which Palmark, home of his sister Emma Aldine Nyman Pettersson, and family was located. He received home training, played, attended school, worshipped and worked like other children and youth of his day. In 1879, at age 25, he emigrated from his native land, leaving Goteborg (Gothenburg) in July and arriving in America twenty-one days later. His fare was 110 kroner. Coming to America, he found employment in coal mines at Scottdale, Pennsylvania.

Emma was born March 21, 1862, at Olofsgard near Broby in the Nottaback parish of Smaland, Sweden, the eighth of Johan and Johanna Pettersson's nine children. Her father was a farmer and also an inn-keeper. See "Emma Johnson Nyman's Kin" division for further detail.

Emma's brother, Suna Steele, through a period of years, sent for three brothers and three sisters, among them Emma, who wished to come to America. One brother and one sister remained in Sweden.

Emma left Sweden October 20, 1881, and arrived in America sixteen days later. She went to Scottdale, arriving there November 16, 1881. For a while she made her home with her brother and his wife, and then found employment as a housekeeper.

John and Emma were married December 28, 1882, at the home of Emma's sister, Mary Nordstrom. In the spring of 1884, with their infant daughter, Ida, born in September, 1883, they left Pennsylvania with the intention of settling in Texas. When they arrived at Eagle Grove, Iowa, they were impressed with the pleasant prairie land. Emma said, "Gud och godt folk ar har ocksa. (God and good people are here also)." John agreed, and they decided to locate in Iowa.

They stopped at Bancroft, where they remained two weeks, and on May 27, 1884, moved to the farm five miles west of Bancroft where they lived until May, 1923, when they moved to Swea City. The farm of 80 acres which they purchased for thirteen dollars per acre was treeless and unimproved except for a small house consisting of two rooms and a lean-to (these two rooms form part of the present house). Later the farm consisted of 400 acres.

The first year their farming was done with a pair of oxen. The roads were very winding as they followed the higher points of land around the numerous sloughs and ponds.

The present house was built in 1893, and a barn in 1894. The latter was replaced by a modern structure in 1948. The house has been remodeled and modernized. The large grove planted by our folks, also the orchard of 150 apple trees, and black walnut trees beside the driveway, have mostly disappeared, and have been replaced by trees and shrubs of ornamental as well as utilitarian value.

o.K.

On August 20, 1883Father declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States. This paper was filed in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, and on October 19, 1889, naturalization was completed, and papers filed at Algona, Kossuth County, Iowa. Mother became a citizen through father's naturalization.

Both father and mother were baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith in Sweden. In 1887 they were charter members of the Immanuel Lutheran Church at Bancroft, Iowa. Mother was the last member of this group to pass away.

Our parents were God fearing, religious people, and attended church services whenever possible. On Sundays when we did not go to church it was father's custom to read a sermon from the "Hus-Postilla" to the assembled family. This custom was discontinued when the younger children did not have a clear understanding of the Swedish language. When in the course of time it became obvious that services must be conducted in the English language, father was the first to voice the decided opinion that the change must be made if the young people were to continue an active interest in the church. Third and fourth generations worship there now. John and Emma's grandson, Arthur Pearson, is the only son of Immanuel Lutheran church in Bancroft who has become a minister of the gospel.

Father was stern, quick to reprove, and often times harsh, but his justice and honesty were recognized in the home and community.

Mother was meek, tender and loving, generous with her time and strength for any one in need, giving wise counsel to her family, and bringing hope to many a discouraged heart.

When Mother entertained the Ladies Aid it was an event to which all of us children looked forward with eagerness. First the house must be in the best order possible, any many foods cooked and baked. On the eventful day Father would hitch up the horses to the wagon on which three or four seats with springs and back rests had been placed in position, and he would drive the five miles to Banc roft to pick up the ladies who had no means of transportation and bring them out for the meeting. Following an afternoon of business, lunch, and visiting the ladies were taken back to town. When automobiles came into use this picturesque, tho often uncomfortable, way of travel was discontinued. Once, very muddy roads prevented this plan to be put into operation, so Mother took her luncheon goodies to the home of her friend, Mrs. Oscar Pearson in Bancroft, and notified as many people as possible of the change of meeting place; so the Aid was held at the scheduled time. I went with Mother that time, but do not remember the year.

The family consisted of twelve children. They were all born at home. With the exception of the twins, no doctor was in attendance. Neighbor women performed these services for each other. The twins were premature, Edna weighed $2\frac{1}{4}$ pounds, and Edwin 1 3/4 pounds. At that time there were no baby incubators; not even hot water bottles were in general use. Instead, heavy dinner plates heated in the oven were used to keep the babies warm. There were no ice boxes nor refrigerators for keeping milk fresh and sweet. Milk was heated to a pasteurization point, then cooled and kept cool by means of cold water from the well. Baby bottles had narrow necks, and the nipple had a long rubber tube passing thru the cork in the bottle, and having a glass tube about three inches long which would reach to the bottom of the bottle. An outfit like this was difficult to clean.

When the children established homes of their own it became the pleasant custom to gather at the parental home on Christmas Day and other

special holidays and occasions, each family bringing food and willing hands to help with the work. After the folks were gone, the brothers and sisters gathered at one another's homes until they became too widely separated by distance. Recently it was re-established as a once-a-year summer gathering for all the relatives.

Father passed away on December 8, 1924 at his home in Swea City. Death was due to a complication of diseases and cancer of the liver. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Bancroft, Iowa, on December 11, 1924.

A few months after father's death, Esther and Ida passed away within a month of each other. Soon after this Mother began to fail, and rheumatism and arthritis caused her a great deal of suffering. Each family did what they could in caring for Mother during her long period of lessening activity, but the major part was done by Edna and George. Edna remained at home until she married in 1933. Mother did not wish to be so dependent on any member of the family as to have him give up his own plans for future home and happiness because of her. Edna, however, remained close at hand.

Nearly every summer George would take Mother on a trip to visit relatives in Minnesota. She enjoyed these visits very much, especially the time spent with her sister, Mrs. Eva Swanson of Oak Park.

After Father's death, Mother transferred her membership to the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Swea City.

Mother passed away on August 22, 1939 at the Clinic Hospital at Fairmont, Minnesota, where she had submitted to major surgery on August 21. She contracted ether pneumonia. She had been afflicted with crippling arthritis and rheumatism for fourteen years, having been confined to a wheel chair and her bed for that length of time. She was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery in Bancroft, Iowa, on August 25, 1939.

-Ellen.

MISCELLANEOUS

INTERESTS, HOBBIES, etc.: John Nyman: reading, making some furniture, general shop work. Emma Nyman: reading, sewing, gardening, horticulture.

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The Bancroft Public School shown on page 62 was the place where Immmanuel Lutheran Church was organized in 1887 and where services were held for a while. John and Emma Nyman were charter members and the church played an important role in their lives and in the lives of their family. (The church was built and furnished in 1889 at a cost of $2721.68. The bell cost $124.94, when it was installed in 1891. The church lot cost $237. This building was 50 x 28 with vestry in rear.)

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The early Iowa poll tax was an assessment made against farmers, whereby they contributed a day's labor in building and maintaining roads. This was discontinued when more and larger equipment was introduced.

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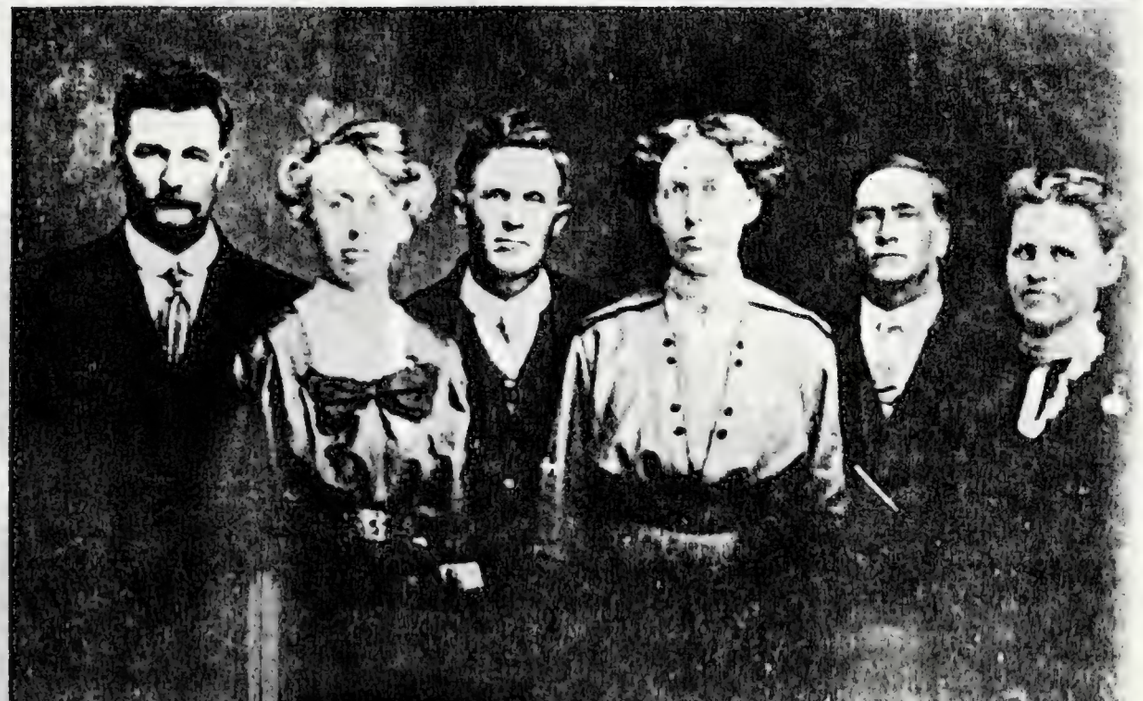
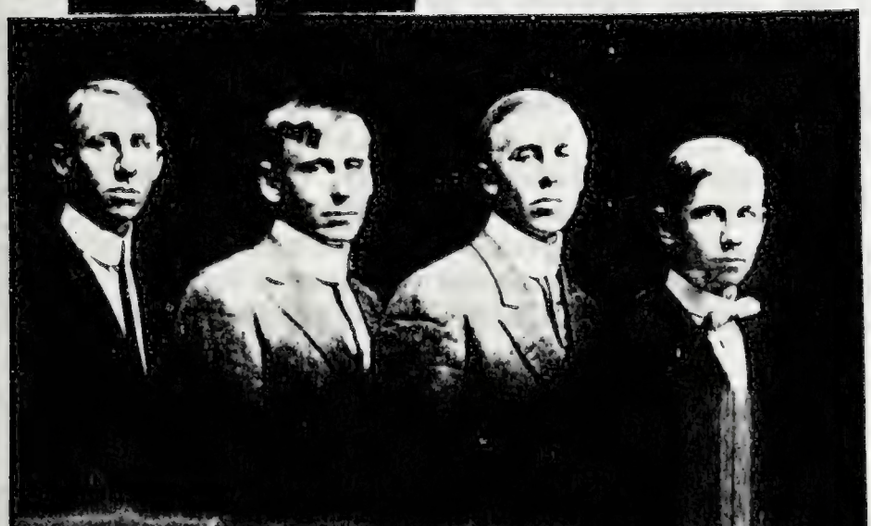
"Well, we are the richer for having known them. Uncles and aunts have much to give us, if only we are wise enough to sit at their feet. Fortunate are those children whose mother comes from a large family, or whose father had twelve brothers and sisters. The young man with uncles and aunts may find himself more isolated from human affection than the young man whose mother was an only child and whose father was an orphan, but it certainly will be his own fault." - Selected by Ellen Johnson.

Top: Nyman family by farm home; Laura & Hanna. Middle row: Nyman family, 1902 (Lillian, the baby); Esther, Lillian, Edna. Right: Dirksens, Nelsons, Pearsons.



NYMANS - 1914

Back row: Carl, Ida, Laura, John A., James, George, Hanna, Ellen. Front: John, Lillian, Esther, Edna, Emma. Left: Edna & Arthur, confirmed together. Below: Nyman Brothers, 1914.



Lillian, Edna, Esther, 1905

From, A HISTORY OF KOSSUTH COUNTY, IOWA:

"Among the many enterprising and progressive citizens that Sweden has contributed to Kossuth County must be numbered John Nyman, who owns a highly improved and cultivated farm of four hundred acres on Section 19, Greenwood Township. He was reared and educated in the land of his birth and is the only member of his family who emigrated to the United States.

"The first twenty-five years in the life of John Nyman were passed in his native country. Upon his arrival in America he first located in Scottdale, Pennsylvania, where he remained for four years. In 1884 he came to Kossuth County and purchased eighty acres of land in Greenland Township from the Bruer Brothers, paying thirteen dollars per acre. All of the improvements upon the property consisted of a one-room house. The greater part of holding was yet unbroken prairie and here Mr. Nyman located with his family and immediately began putting his land under cultivation. In common with the people of his nation he is diligent and thrifty and had soon transformed his place into one of the well cultivated tracts of the township. His unceasing energy, close application and practical methods were substantially rewarded and he was subsequently able to extend the boundaries of his farm until he now holds title to four hundred acres of most fertile land. During the period of his ownership he has wrought a marvelous change in his place, having erected thereon fine, substantial buildings, while he has thoroughly tiled and drained his fields, and annually reaps abundant harvests of a quality that commands the market's highest prices.

Mr. Nyman has every reason to take much satisfaction in his achievements which have been purchased by long years of unceasing labor and much self-denial, as his interest has never been promoted through the assistance of friends. He and his sons, who are still at home do all of the work connected with the operation of the farm, and that they are active and industrious is evidenced by the well kept appearance of the place, everything manifesting capable supervision and a careful regard for details. In addition to his fine farm, Mr. Nyman is a stockholder and director in both the Lone Rock and Bancroft Elevators and he is also President of the Lone Rock Creamery Company.

While residing in Pennsylvania, Mr. Nyman was united in marriage to Miss Emma Christina Johnson, who was also born and reared in Sweden. Their children, all but the eldest of whom have been born in Kossuth County, in order of birth are as follows: Ida, a native of Pennsylvania, the wife of August Pearson; Hannah Christina, who married N. H. Dirksen and resides in the vicinity of Milbank, South Dakota; Laura, the wife of John Nelson, a farmer of Greenwood Township, this County; George W., who is at home; Ellen Aldena and John A., both of whom are teaching in the home district; James P., who attends the State Agricultural College; Carl Reuben, who is going to High School

at Bancroft; and Esther, Emma Elizabeth, Lillian Matilda and Edna Alfreda, all of whom are attending school.

The parents are members of the Swedish Lutheran Church, in the faith of which they have reared their family, and Mr. Nyman holds the office of Deacon. He gave his political support to the Republican Party and has discharged the duties of both Trustee and School Director in Greenwood Township. Mr. Nyman is one of the citizens of Kossuth County, whose successful achievements substantially prove that prosperity is the result of intelligently directed effort and determination of purpose, as he began his career in this country without capital and with practically no knowledge of the language or customs of the nation, and while the struggle has been long and hard and at times most discouraging, he has attained the goal.

NAMES	BIRTH	MARRIAGE	OCCUPATION	IN MEMORIAM
John Nyman Emma C. J. Nyman	8-11-1854 Piteå, Sweden 3-21-1862 Notabäck, Sweden	12-28-1882	Farming	12-8-1924 Bancroft, Ia. 8-22-1939 Bancroft, Ia.
Ida M. N. Pearson	9-2-1883 Scottdale, Penn	2-24-1903	Seamstress, Homemak.	6-20-25 Litchfield, Minn.
Hanna C. N. Dirksen	1-4-1885 Bancroft, Iowa	2- -1905	Homemaker	1- -1918
Laura W. N. Nelson	1-19-1886 Bancroft, Ia.	6-24-1910	Homemaker	-1917 Bancroft, Ia.
George W.	8-16-1888; Bancroft	5-18-1940	Farming	
Ellen A. N. Johnson	10-31-1890 Bancroft, Ia.	10-31-1919	Teaching	
John A.	3-19-1893 Bancroft, Ia.	6-4-1921	Farming Building	
James P.	3-24-1895 Bancroft, Ia.	5-9-23	Farming Carpentry	
Carl R.	4-11-1897 Bancroft, Ia.	6-1-24	Teaching Census Bur.	
Esther E. E. N.	7-20-1899 Bancroft, Ia.		Teaching	5-18-1925 Bancroft, Ia.
Lillian M. N. Anderson	1-28-1902 Bancroft, Ia.	3-29-25	Teaching Homemak.	
Edna A. N. Peterson	9-3-1904 Bancroft, Ia.	8-11-33	Homemaking	
Edwin	9-3-1904 Bancroft, Ia.			9-9-1904 Bancroft, Ia. premature

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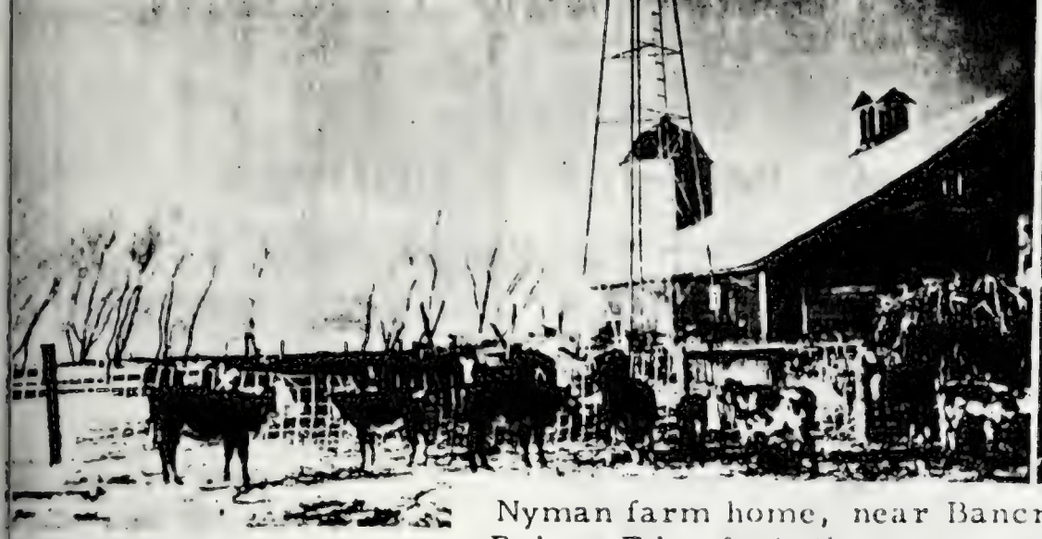
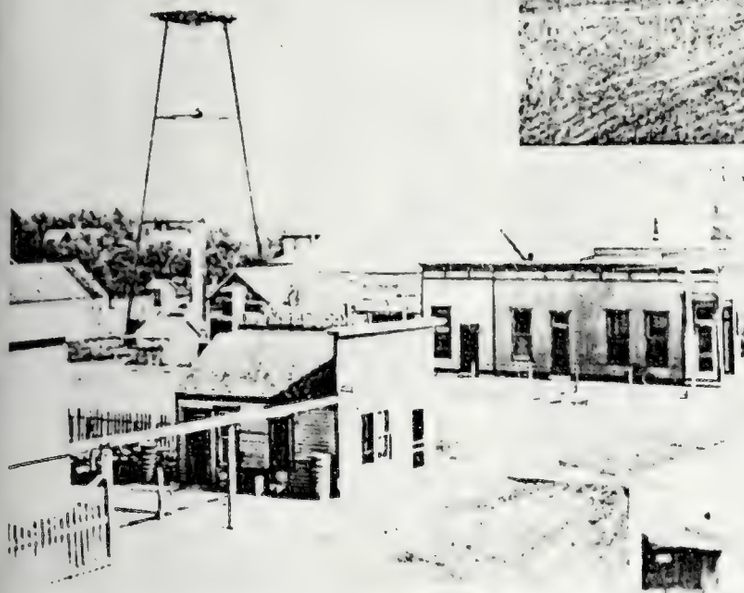


Nyman farm home, near Bancroft.
Below: Edna & Arthur.
Right: Swea City home.

Taking orders for Nyman Family books. Right: Nyman Grandchildren, 1914. Back row: Edna, LeRoy, Wava. Front: Archie, Anita, Bernice, June, George. Lower right: Nymans, 1943.



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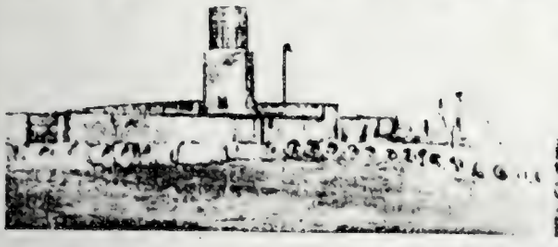

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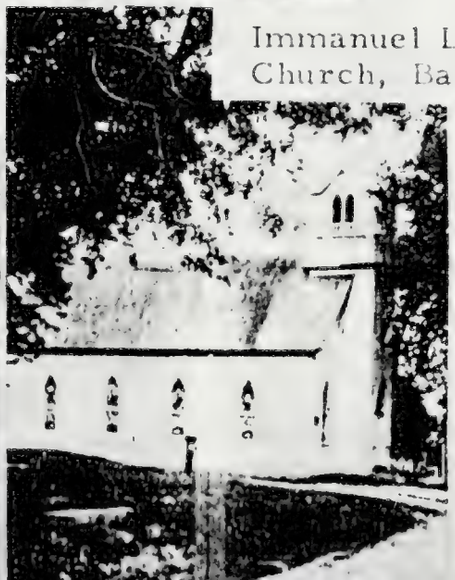

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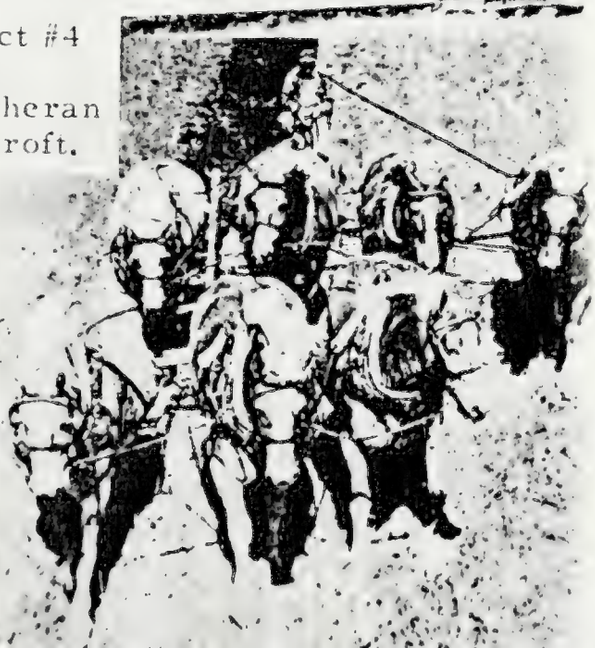

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Marriage Certificate.

State of Iowa, Kossuth County,

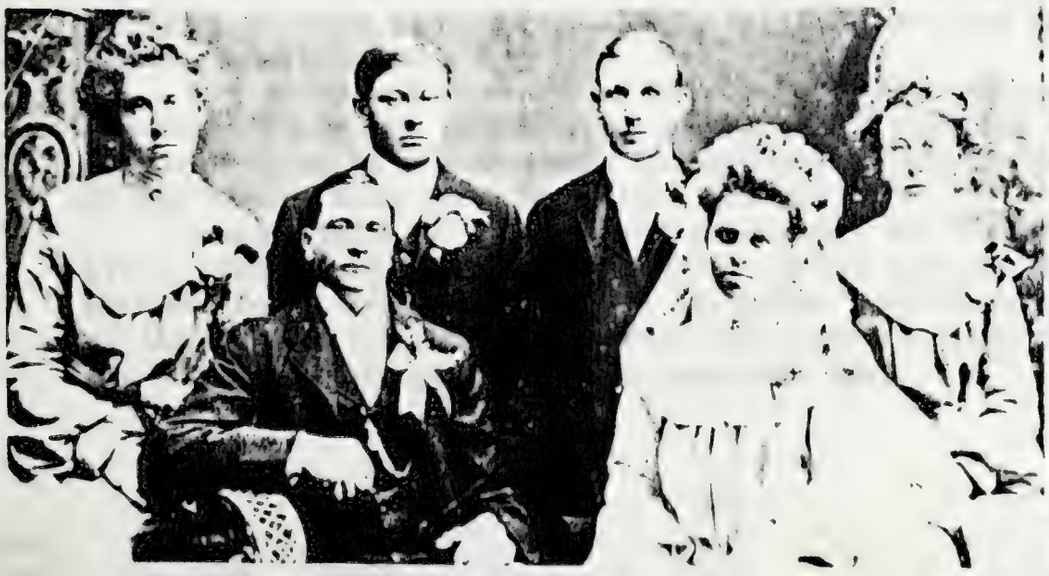
This Certifies That Mr [illegible] of [illegible] in the State of [illegible] and Miss [illegible] of [illegible] in the State of [illegible] were, at [illegible] in said County, by me joined together in

Holy Matrimony

on the [illegible] day of [illegible] A. D. 190[illegible]

in presence of [illegible]

Attendants, left to right: Laura Nyman, Victor Hulterstrom, Ehrnfred Nelson, Hanna Nyman, Bride & groom: August, Ida.



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Ida Mary, John and Emma Nyman's first child, was born September 2, 1883, at Scottdale, Pennsylvania. John chose the name Ida for his daughter. Emma chose the name Maria (changed to Mary by usage) in honor of her sister, Ingrid Maria Nordstrom. The baby was born at the Nordstrom home where Mother and Baby could be cared for by Emma's sister.

With Ida still a babe in arms, in the spring of 1884, John and Emma set out to make their home in Texas. Liking what they saw at Eagle Grove, Iowa, where they had to change trains, they terminated the Texas trek, eventually locating on a farm five miles west of Bancroft. Obviously, this incident has given inspiration for the division page sketch preceding the John and Emma section.

While John and Emma were putting up hay that first summer in Iowa, with baby Ida nestled in a hay cock near them, the oxen which they were using to draw the hay load ran away and passed dangerously close to the cock on which the baby lay. Mother Emma then determined that the oxen must be replaced with horses, more intelligent and reliable.

The first school Ida attended was about two and a half miles east of the Nyman farm home. Presumably she attended this school because of absence of bridges across the Des Moines river north of the farm. Later three bridges were built there. Eventually changes were made in the river's course and only one bridge was needed.

Ida was interested in sewing, and began making clothes for some members of the family when only ten or twelve years old.

When Ida was thirteen years old she accompanied cousin Hilma Quist of Marquette, Kansas, to visit Aunt Eva and family in Mankato. When she was fourteen or fifteen she worked as an apprentice to a seamstress in Bancroft, a Mrs. J. T. Johnson. At that time ready-made clothes and ready-made patterns were not available. The seamstress would draft her own patterns, using a complicated or odd shaped measuring device, then a tracing wheel to mark the pattern on the paper. Ida did a great deal of the family's sewing after she married and moved from home. She would rather sew than do some types of housework, so while she became more proficient in sewing, her sisters learned little about it, but were always glad to trade work for a new dress. She also sewed many of her father's shirts. He bought a small motor to be attached to the foot pedal on the machine, so with a light pressure of the foot she had a mechanized machine. Ida was also very adept at crocheting and knitting, knitting several sweaters, in 1917, for the men in the Armed Forces of World War I.

Ida spent one summer at her Uncle Broberg's home near Marquette, Kansas. When she came home she brought samples of red-rust colored soil and heads of broom corn, quantities of which were grown in Kansas at that time. Both were novelties in Iowa.

August tells us that Ida was confirmed the first Sunday after his arrival from Sweden and that he admired her greatly that day, hoping that she could eventually become his bride. We have also been told that at the church Christmas program that year he asked for an introduction and had his first opportunity to visit with Ida.

August's brothers, Oscar and Alfred, were married and lived in Bancroft at that time. August was born in Fargaryd parish, Smaland, Sweden, September 27, 1877, arrived in Boston on Monday, April 1, 1899* and in Bancroft, Iowa, April 4, 1899. He worked for a farmer near Bancroft the first summer and then worked on the railroad at Hot Springs, South Dakota, and in Montana, with his brother John as section foreman.

August secured his first United States citizenship papers at Hot Springs on March 6, 1901. Later, September 16, 1904, he secured his final papers at Algona, Iowa.

He returned to Bancroft in 1902, again working as a farm hand near Bancroft. Having the use of his employer's driving horse and top buggy occasionally and at other times renting such from the livery stable in Bancroft, he took Ida out riding now and then. This courtship led to marriage - at the Lutheran church in Bancroft, February 24, 1903.

Ida made her own wedding dress and also the bridesmaid dresses for her sisters Hanna and Laura. Only artificial flowers were used at that time for bouquets and boutonnieres.

The wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents with quite a number of guests present. Most of the snow had melted on transportation was not much of a problem that day, people driving there with teams and buggies. Mrs. Zacckeus Johnson assisted Mrs. Nyman with the preparation and serving of the meal. Ellen says, "It seemed like a lot of different foods, but I do not remember what was served. There were numerous desserts and I especially remember the cookies, also the baked oysters. August did not like them; neither did I."

B. C. Lindbergs gave the young bride his driving horse, Lady, as a wedding gift. Among other gifts was a lovely kerosene lamp, with hand painted base and a large round glass shade with roses of various colors. One afternoon during the first year of their married life, Ida came into her house to find her brother Carl and sister Esther rolling that beautiful shade from one to the other across the floor. Fortunately, no damage was done.

August and Ida lived on a farm adjoining her parents' farm on the west for the first year, then on the Bergman place a mile east of the Nymans. The Bergman farm was distinctive in that it had large animal pictures painted on buildings.

It was while August and Ida lived on the Bergman place that their son, Arthur Bernhard, was born. August's hitching Lady to the top buggy during the night and driving into town to ask the doctor to come out has been told so often that children born later could almost believe that they rode with August at midnight that clear, cold night, December 20, 1904. LeRoy tells the story most effectively, and then Arthur counters with the account of Harsh's corn planter "snowed in" out in the field the night that LeRoy was born, April 17, 1910.

The family lived on the Plough place, about three miles southwest of Bergman's, when Agnes was born, August 16, 1907.

It seems that little Arthur found the outdoors more interesting than his baby sister and roamed about, exploring his world, causing his mother much concern. Sometimes he would sit in the middle of the road, playing with sand, gravel or mud, and then lie down right there for a nap. Mother Ida made him a red coat in which she dressed him for play, making it easier for travelers on the road to notice a sleeping child, should he be lying in their path, and also easier for her to keep an eye on him from her window while she was busy with her work.

In 1910 Ida and August bought a farm of their own, two and a half miles north of Burt, Iowa. They had the name "Golden Hill Farm" registered at the court house in Algona.

Spring came early that year and farmers were far ahead of schedule with their field work, even planting corn the middle of April. When August and Ida moved to their new home they stored the heating stove upstairs because it seemed that the kitchen range would be adequate for heating purposes from then on. The day that LeRoy arrived, April 17, it had turned very cold and windy with about two feet of snow on the ground. The heating stove was brought downstairs and set up in a hurry that morning.

When Grandmother Nyman received word that she should come to Ida's on June 22, 1912, she left at once, but travel was not so rapid with horse and buggy and she met the doctor a short distance from the Pearson home. He stopped to announce, "The little miss has arrived, everybody fine." That was Anita's introduction.

Grandmother stayed with Ida and family a few days, leaving Ellen to can cherries at home. The trees had produced a bountiful supply that year, and when Emma Nyman returned home and saw the cans and cans of cherries, she remarked, "You canned a lot of water too."

August and Ida built nearly all new buildings on Golden Hill Farm. A barn was completed in 1913 and the Gordon Van Tyne house in 1918. The latter was a large, square, comfortable home, with furnace heat, electric lights and a pressure water system. The Delco light system and the water tank were installed in the basement.

Mildred and Vincent had arrived before the new house was built, Mildred September 11, 1914 and Vincent October 21,1916. Elaine was the only member of the family to have the distiction of being born in the new house. She arrived February 16, 1918.

Ida was a good neighbor, besides keeping her own house well. She was instrumental in organizing the "U and I" club in that community.

In 1919 when the Leo Hulterstroms were negotiating with Chris Behrman, real estate agent, for a farm in Minnesota, August became interested in moving also. He promised Ida that they would install electricity in a Minnesota home, because she was reluctant to leave her lovely new home with conveniences uncommon in rural areas those days.

The 113 acres in Iowa were sold for $350 an acre and 240 acres bought for $225 an acre, four miles west of Litchfield, Minnesota. The Pearsons moved to Litchfield March 4, 1920.

The following year farm prices dropped, oats selling for only 20 cents a bushel and other grains in proportion. It was impossible to meet interest payments on the farm mortgage, from farm income. Arthur quit school to help his father, eliminating cost of hired help. Then LeRoy stayed home to work, while Arthur completed his last year of high school. After that both of the boys worked to augment family income. LeRoy worked at home and Arthur worked for Leo Hulterstrom and for Charley Hillman. Agnes worked for a lawyer in Litchfield, rooming in town.

These were hard years for all. In June 1925 Ida was stricken with spinal menengitis. After being in the hospital at Litchfield a few days she died, on June 20, 1925. She was buried in the beautiful Litchfield cemetery near Lake Ripley.

Art and Agnes continued to work away from home and LeRoy at home. Anita remained at home as chief cook and homemaker. She was only 13 when her mother had died. Mildred was going on 11 and Vinc-

ent on nine. Elaine was six. He and the younger girls continued to live there until 1930 when they moved to Litchfield where August got work whenever possible. Vincent was with John and Dollie in Iowa.

Arthur enrolled at Gustavus Adolphus College with only a few dollars at his disposal but with assurances that he could write a note to the college for tuition, borrow some from college Student Aid Funds, and earn a little doing part time janitor work. Anita secured work in a Litchfield dime store. After a brief trek to Montana, LeRoy left for Minneapolis to work his way through school at Dunwoody Institute.

Because of ill health, Mildred found it impossible to continue her dual role of homemaker and high school student, so had to quit school. She continued as homemaker while earning what she could toward family keep by also working for Mrs. Holt.

By this time Agnes had married and lived in Minneapolis. Anita was taking a cosmetology course, living with Agnes and Floyd.

Elaine was graduated from the Litchfield High School. The night that she graduated she too left for Minneapolis, to attend business college, living with Agnes. Elaine says, "How heartless it seems now - leaving Dad just like that. I have thought of it so often, but what else was there to do."

August's most rewarding occupation had just begun and through it he was to find a reasonable degree of security and as much happiness as was possible without his beloved Ida. Elaine continues, "Dad stayed on in Litchfield, having steady work, from 1934 on, with Mrs. E. Campbell and her daughter, Mrs. Quinn. He kept the grounds of both homes neat and picture-like, and endeared himself to both families. He thoroughly enjoyed this work, taking great pride in doing it well. In 1953 he bought a house on Marshall Avenue, renting out the lower floor and living in the upper.

"The only time all the children were again together at home was in 1952, to celebrate Dad's birthday. At that time there were 20 grandchildren and the only one missing from the gathering was Chris, Mildred's husband.

"In 1957 Arthur and his family returned to Minnesota from Texas, bringing the number of "chickens returned to roost" to five, Mildred being in Washington State and Elaine in Northern Michigan.

"Also in 1957, Sherrill Ann Bacon was born, bringing the total number of grandchildren to 21, and in 1958 Becky Young was born, bringing the number of great-grandchildren to three."

Since Elaine wrote the above, other great-grandchildren have arrived, i.e. Jill Marie Scislow, Maile Johnson and Roberta Young.

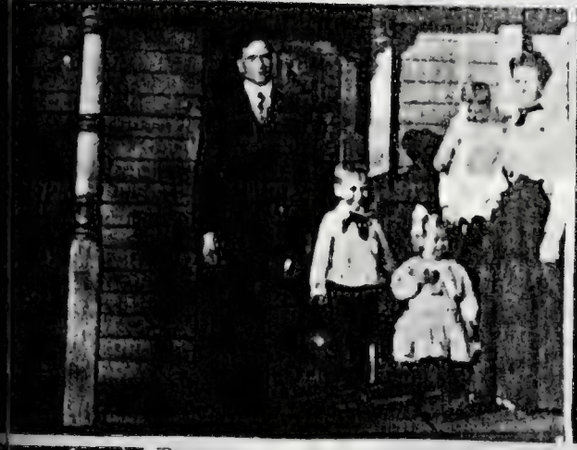
When Mrs. Chillstrom joined the Pearsons in Celebrating August's birthday in 1958, she commented, "I'll never forget the sight of the Pearson family in church each Sunday. They filled an entire pew, with August sitting at one end of the pew and Ida at the other, beaming - she was such a happy looking person. Wouldn't it be fine if she could see her large family now!"

* on a Canadian line.

Ida Mary Hyman

August

Arthur
Agnes



Elaine
Anita
Mick

First house on
Golden Hill farm

Floyd, Anita, June
Agnes, Arthur

LeRoy, August, Ida, Agnes,
Edna, Elaine, Vincent, Anita.

Home near Burt, Iowa. Bottom row near Litchfield, Minnesota.

(Many little things, during the course of growing-up years, make for pleasant family life and happy memories. Agnes has jotted down a few of these happenings in the Ida-August home.)

I REMEMBER

The pennies that came to us in a package from Grandma - these were usually wrapped up in a piece of cloth or in a little paper sack - pennies for Sunday school Mother kept them in a little black round wooden crochet thread holder.

The parties we could always have at our house at a moment's notice - the ice cream freezer full the proverbial glass bowl of Jello on Sundays - playing games around the yard light - Skip to My Lou and such.

Swimming in the "ole swimmin hole" - the little house where we kept the milk cans the frog the boys put down my neck.

The signs after Mother died, when Sunday dinner was on a "cooperation basis". The boys' sign, "No Eat - No Work;" the girls' sign, "No work - No Eat."

The squeaky pantry door we caught LeRoy oiling so he could get cookies.

Art and LeRoy trying to feed Vincent to the calves. Mother really walloped them that time. My sunset turkeys.

That dinner at Grandma's when all we kids were seated at the table - and didn't have to wait for the elders - and onour plate, a whole roasted pigeon.

Christmases at Grandma's house - we stayed over night Christmas Eve.

The Japanese chimes that made music as it swung in the breeze on Grandma's porch.

The china dolls and the little bags of flour we played with upstairs at Grandma's - if we were real good.

Esther getting her finger caught in the flour bin. The bees that had built a hive in the old house. Going to Aunt Laura's and getting a boat ride on the river.

Prowling around the house where Uncle John later lived when it was vacant - with Edna - on the way home from school where I had visited.

The "picture" of a deer I cut out from Mother's cross stitched apron.

Saying my "grot och shinka" piece at Christmas time at church and standing up there saying "I want my Papa" (Dad was in Sweden that Christmas) and Uncle Oscar had to come and get me.

Taking turns sitting on Grandpa's knee in his big rocker in the dining room. He always had a fly swatter in his hand - for flies.

Uncle Oscar lighting the candles on the Christmas tree at church.

The party Aunt Betsy and Uncle Oscar had for us kids when we were leaving Bancroft.

Cousin Florence playing "Ja-Da Ja-DA - Ja-Da" Jing Jing Jing"
Aunt Esther playing "Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Star of the East."

Uncle Alfred always putting in candy for us in the grocery box.
The big wooden boxes of crackers.

Going to Burt to see "Birthof a Nation" at the movies.

Seeing the first aeroplane I ever saw, at the fair at Algona - Vincent had broken his collar-bone the night before so we stopped in to see Doc Clapsaddle on the way.

The rooster, pigs, etc. painted on farm buildings where Art was born.

The business men from Burt "Going Over the Top" when they crossed the railroad track after shocking grain for Dad when it was impossible to get help because everyone was in the army.

Dad selling his Liberty Bonds to buy the piano for us.

The big shot gun cooler of "three day biscuits" for the week end.
Mother baking 22 loaves of bread two or three times a week.

Cleaning out a panful of crusts Dede had put under the ledge of the kitchen table. She didn't like the crusts and had found a hiding place for them.

Dede sitting with her feet on top of the stove reading a book when Mick and I came down from cleaning upstairs, hungry as bears.

Uncle George and I celebrating our birthdays together - he used to be so much older than I.

Walking home from a church toboggan party because Dell - or Belle - had broken loose and had gone on home without us. LeRoy and Art scaring me when we went through the woods on the railroad tracks.

Taking the old buggy up to the top of the hill and using the boys for horses - having a good ride. Our wonderful toboggan rides - baseball games.

Burying Rover under a pine tree a short time after Dad had brought him back to us on Easter morning. Dad had been back to Iowa and Rover looked so lonesome that he brought him home to us kids. What joy!

Grandpa's blacksmith shop. Hunting for Easter eggs in Grandma's orchard. The grocery orders we got from Sexton Co.

Vincent getting his fingers in the washing machine.
Art breaking his arm and Mother setting it with a quick jerk.

Mother changing the stars, eagles and other trimming from red to yellow, to white, on my blue middy blouse (made from Uncle James' and Uncle John's suits) every week for six weeks when I had to wear the same outfit every day because of my broken shoulder.

The first Christmas after Mother died and how wonderful everyone was to us, especially Elaine - she got 22 presents that year.

Having Sunday school in our "parlor" with Mother the pianist, the teacher and superintendent, when we were snowed in.

The chickens hatching in the incubator in the living room on the farm. What a pleasure when they were all hatched and could be taken out.

Vincent letting the air out of all of Floy's tires when he came to see me - and Floyd watching him pump them up again.

A boy friend proudly carrying only my new red flannel dress from my bedroom when the house was burning.

My first pair of silk stockings and the snag I got on a twig - pulling the snagged thread so Mother wouldn't see and then coming in with half the stocking around my ankle and the rest at my knee - Mother didn't scold.

A new dress every Christmas - especially a white middy outfit and a peacock blue dress with black velvet weskit.

Putting all our names in an ink bottle at school and placing it under a tree we planted on Arbor Day.

Mother getting the red barn paint off the car fender for me, after hitting Johnson's barn - so Dad wouldn't scold.

Most of all - I remember all the wonderful times we as a family had together, all sitting in a pew together in church - the smaller ones eating crackers - how the janitor must have loved our family - our son-fests around the piano after chores - the horseshoe contests - always having our meals together with no one starting before all nine of us were at the table. Really - how did Mother and Dad do it - I often wonder!

Others add:
Making and sailing a raft on the slough north of the farm yard a windy day - splashed - wet - mud.

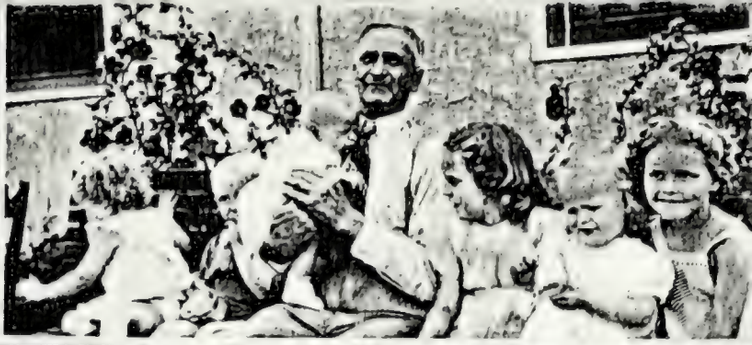
When Art forgot Agnes in town after school and had to return to get her.

Dede worrying that she was Chinese because it was said that every fourth baby born was a Chinese and - wasn't she the fourth in her family!

The ducks that had been fed minnows from the spring and tasted fishy at Thanksgiving time.

The sand plaster - good for chill-blains.

Belva & Irene



1950

1952

1937

Grandchildren, 1952

Mick, Elaine, Millie
1938

ARTHUR

Arthur Bernhard (Art or A. B.), born at Bancroft, Iowa, December 20, 1904. Baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bancroft. Confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran, 1919.

EDUCATION: Litchfield, Minnesota, high school 1924; Gustavus Adolphus College, A. B. degree 1930; Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis, 1928-29; Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Illinois, B. D. degree 1933. Graduate work: University of Michigan, 1948; Southern Methodist University, 1950. Pastoral Counseling of the sick, 6 weeks course at Augustana and Methodist Hospitals in Chicago, 1946.

BRIEF CAREER SUMMARY: Served Augustana Lutheran churches at: Onamia-Page, Minnesota, 1933-35; Hershey, Nebraska, 1935-40; Oakland, Nebraska, 1940-46; Our Saviour's, Iron Mountain, Michigan, 1946-49; Walnut Hill, Dallas, Texas, 1949-57; Svea, Minnesota, 1957- .

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: Board of Directors, Luther College, Wahoo, Nebraska 1941-46; Board of Directors, Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, Illinois, 1946-51; Member Executive Board, Augustana Lutheran Superior Conference & Texas Conference; Minnesota Conference Bible Camps Committee; Pastoral Advisor and president of Conference Luther League in Nebraska, Michigan, Texas and Minnesota; Director of Area Lutheran Bible Camps at Grindstone Lake, Minnesota and Camp Hayes, Hayes Center, Nebraska; Guest Missioner at P-T-R mission at San Antonio, Texas, Colorado Tri-State Mission, Boulder, Colorado; and French River, Minnesota; Bible teacher at several Bible conferences in Michigan, Nebraska, Kansas and Texas.

CIVIC and POLITICAL ACTIVITIES: North Dallas Library Board; Walnut Hill, Dallas, Civic Association Executive Board; Member of Chamber of Commerce or Civic improvement organization in each place of residence. Served as election regularly in Dallas.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS and ACTIVITIES: Augustana Lutheran Church Ministerium; Lions International, chaplain; active in local units of the American Red Cross; P. T. A.; special contributions besides general parish ministry, Bible Camps, church building programs, directing volunteer work in church and community building and maintenence; Bible teaching.

HOBBIES & OTHER INTERESTS: Wood-working, farming, audio-visual teaching aids, opera, gardening, camping, fishing, travel.

WIFE

HILMA MATHILDA JOHNSON, daughter of Carl and Mathilda Johnson, Walnut Grove, Minnesota.

Walnut Grove schools; Lutheran Bible Institute; A. B. degree, Magna cum laude, Gustavus Adolphus College, 1927; graduate work at University of Minnesota, University of Michigan, Southern Methodist University. High school teacher at Crystal Falls, Michigan; copy inspector at Taylor Publishing Company, Dallas, Texas.

Pi Kappa Delta (forensics); A. A. U. W.; N. E. A.; L. L., W. M. S. and A. L. C. W. in Augustana Lutheran Church; taught V. B. S. and S. S. (all ages-recently, High School Bible Class).

CHILDREN

ARTHUR JOHN: Born and baptized at North Platte, Nebraska. Elementary school at Oakland, Nebraska; Iron Mountain, Michigan (4 months at Clearwater, Florida), and Dallas, Texas. Graduated, Hillcrest High School, Dallas, 1955 (sophomore year, printing & photography at Crozier Technical High School). Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, 1955-56; A. B. degree Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota, 1959; accepted for graduate study in Public Relations at Boston University, beginning September, 1960.

Interests, activities, honors: Columbus Boy Choir summer camp at Lake Chatauqua, 1948 (on scholarship, following auditions); high school and college newspapers and yearbook staffs; Quill & Scroll; band and select choir; National Honor Society; scholarships; Advanced Junior Achievers; Nu Sigma Delta at Bethany; I. M. C. at Gustavus; college choir; sociology article published in a science journal.

Confirmed at Walnut Hill Lutheran Church, Dallas. District, state and local offices in Augustana Luther League; attended International L. L. conferences at Colorado Springs, Boston and San Antonio.

Employment: Artcraft Printery; Eastman Kodak; part time with Public Relations Dept. at Bethany and at Gustavus; presently with Delta Records.

IRENE LENORE: Born at North Platte, Nebraska; baptized at Maria Lutheran Church, Hershey, Nebraska. Elementary school at Oakland, Nebraska (1 year), Iron Mountain, Michigan (3 years), Clearwater, Florida (4 months), Dallas, Texas. Graduated with honors, Hillcrest High School, Dallas, 1957; presently, Gustavus Adolphus College senior; U. S. Army Student Nurse Scholarship Program.

Interests, activities, honors: F. T. A. president, parliamentarian, sweetheart and state contestant; Dale Carnegie Speech Award; Patricia Stevens award; school paper staff; Panaders, Hillcrest drill team; 4-year Scholarship Linz Award; dramatics; select choir; advanced Junior Achievers, College: L. S. A.; Choir; Theta Zi Gamma; District Nurses Association secretary, program committee, president. Church: district and local L. L. offices; Leadership school; associate member, Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota; member, Svea Lutheran.

Employment: secretary, Universal International Film Exchange, Dallas; part time PBX operator and secretary, G. A. College. Hobbies, recreation, etc.: drawing, painting, sculpturing, singing, sewing, cooking, swimming (Water Safety Instructor), water skiing, etc.

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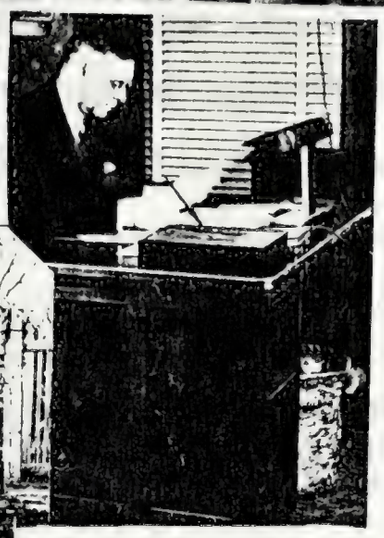
* Irene, who had carried the salt and pepper shakers to the kitchen when helping her mother clear the table, "Mother, you know that Bible story about Lot's wife who looked back and became salt?"
Hilma, "Yes, Dear?"
Irene, "If Lot had looked back, would he have become pepper?"
*4 years old.





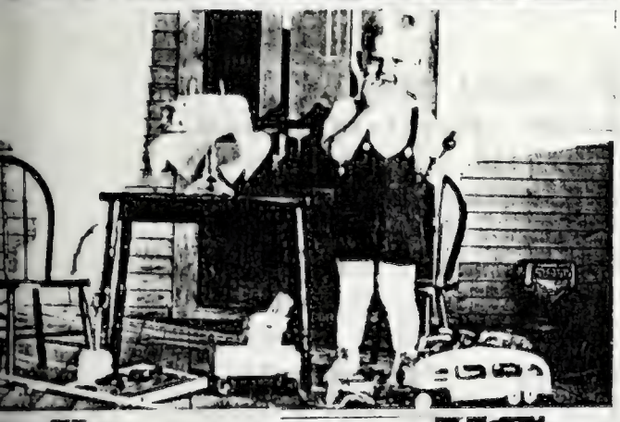


ARTHUR

Wife: Hilma

Children: John & Irene

Right: Silver Wedding
Anniversary -
June 22, 1958





AGNES

SCHOOLING AND OCCUPATION

Graduated from the Litchfield, Minnesota high school, American Business College and Von Eschen School of Beauty Culture. Before marriage worked as a beautician and as a legal secretary. Now, homemaker.

MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES

Both: Messiah Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, P. T. A. (Agnes - president).

Sewing doll clothes, interior decorating, painting, photography. Both: enjoy travel.

HUSBAND

FLOYD ARTHUR: Schooling - Litchfield High School, Moller Barber College, DeGuiles Beauty School. Occupation - barber. Membership - Minneapolis Health Club and Master Barbers Association. Interests - cars, boating, swimming at Minnetonka cottage.

CHILDREN

JANICE LUAN: Schooling - Central High School, Minneapolis. Was clerk-typist, stenographer and bank teller. Now, homemaker. Memberships - Messiah Lutheran Church. Interests - sewing, reading, bowling, swimming, playing the piano, television, movies. HUSBAND: EDWARD JAMES SCISLOW - Mound High School. Paratrooper in Army from April 1951 to April 1954. Travels for Hershey Chocolate Corp. Member of Gopher Candy Club and American Health Studios, International. Member of Messiah Lutheran Church. Own their home in south Minneapolis. Writes western music and ballads and plays the guitar and sings. Won honors for sports in high school. Likes hunting, fishing, swimming, movies and television. CHILDREN: Jeffrey Floyd and Jill Marie.

LINDA KAY: likes skating, swimming, bowling, dancing, photography; Plays piano. Attends Messiah Luth. S. S. and Bryant High School.

BONNIE BETH: likes fishing. Studies tap dancing and piano. Is a Brownie. Attends Messiah Luth. S. S. and a Minneapolis grade school.

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In 1959 Agnes and Floyd Burington purchased a new home at 12th Ave. and 54th Street South, Minneapolis. They have transferred to the Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, where Linda was confirmed in May of 1960. Beth attends the elementary school across the street from home.









AGNES

Husband: Floyd
Children: Janice, Linda, Beth

Below & right:
Janice & Ed
Children: Jeff & Jill Marie





LEROY

SCHOOLING AND OCCUPATION

Dunwoody Industrial Institute - 2 yr. Electronic course. Neon sign service, sign painter, salesman, cafe operator, painting and decorating contractor.

MEMBERSHIPS, INTERESTS -

Wooddale Ev. Lutheran Church - council. Cub Scouts. Fishing, hunting, cards. Own their home in St. Louis Park.

WIFE

MILDRED CHRISTINE NELSON: high school. Clerical work for Prudential Insurance Company. Enjoys fishing, knitting, reading, sewing and cooking. Member of Wooddale Ev. Lutheran Church - secretary for United Lutheran Church Women.

CHILDREN

BELVA JEANNE: St. Louis Park High School and 2 years Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts. Part time work at drug store and super market. Now, homemaker. Editor of high school annual and treasurer of class while at Clark University. Enjoy traveling, skiing and swimming. In top 10% of class in high school. Member of Wooddale Ev. Lutheran Church. HUSBAND: CLARKE DANA JOHNSON - Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts. Taught at Punahou School, Honolulu, Hawaii (chemistry, physics and mathematics) 1959-1960. Interests - music, skiing, soccer, sports cars. CHILDREN: Maile Kuaihelani.

ROBERT LE ROY: St. Louis Park High School. Serving in the U.S. Navy. Interests - hunting, camping, swimming, horseback riding, radio. Member of the Wooddale church - HI-Y.

PAUL DOUGLAS: In senior high school. Part time stock boy in drug store. Interests - hunting, fishing, camping, H.O. railroad, football, archery. Member of Wooddale church - treasurer of Luther League.

LeROY

Wife: Mildred
Children: Belva Jeanne,
Robert, Paul
Below & right:
Belva Jeanne & Clarke.
Child: Maile(not pictured)

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Baby pictures:
Top: Millie, Roy;
Above: Bobby;
Right: Paul;
Below (all): Belva Jeanne









ANITA

Husband: Bill (William)
Children: Beverly
(husband: Wm.;
children: Bethy,
Becky, Roberta),

Billy (wife, Judy).







At ANITA and BILL'S 25th
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
1958.

Standing: Rudy, LeRoy, Millie, Bob, Wm. Young, Belva, Floyd.

Seated: Billy, Bethy, Edna, Art, Hilma, Irene, John, Anita (Dede), Bill, Agnes and Beth, Beverly and Becky, Paul.

Below: Bill and Anita Crandall; Billy Crandall; Bethy, Becky, Beverly and Wm. Young.

ANITA

SCHOOLING AND OCCUPATION

Dist. #7, Litchfield, and VonEschen Beauty School. Beauty operator before marriage. Retail sales. Presently commission clerk at Prudential.

MEMBERSHIPS, INTERESTS

Both: Diamond Lake Lutheran Church.
Sewing, fancywork, reading, entertaining and bowling.

HUSBAND

WILLIAM A. CRANDALL, JR.: Grade school, Dodge Center, Minnesota. Occupation - Creamette Co., Northern Pump Co., Midway Sign Co. and since 1952 the Obal Vault Co. Interests - fishing, hunting, ice fishing, bowling, and watching westerns on television.
Own their home in Minneapolis.

CHILDREN

BEVERLY ELAINE: Washburn High School, Minneapolis. With Investors Diversified Service before marriage. Now, homemaker. Enjoys sewing, reading and bowling. HUSBAND: WILLIAM A. YOUNG - Washburn High School. Florist with his father. Enjoys bowling and yardwork. Members of Diamond Lake Lutheran Church. CHILDREN: Elizabeth Ann, Rebecka Lee, and Roberta Laine.

WILLIAM A. CRANDALL III: Washburn High School, University of Minnesota 1 yr. Two years in the U.S. Navy. Employed, Occident Flour. Interests: baseball, music (drums) football. Quartette while in high school. WIFE: JUDITH ANN JOHNSON.

MILDRED

SCHOOLING AND OCCUPATION

School, Litchfield. Retail sales and statistical clerk with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Now, homemaker.

MEMBERSHIPS, INTERESTS

Family: Faith Lutheran Church, Toppenish, Washington.
Interests: reading, interior decorating and drawing house plans. "Clever at banquet favors and table decorations."












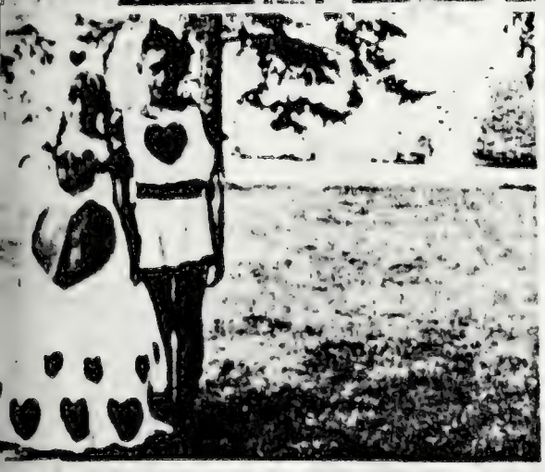

MILDRED
Husband: Chris
Children: Dennis, Terrill, Lois.

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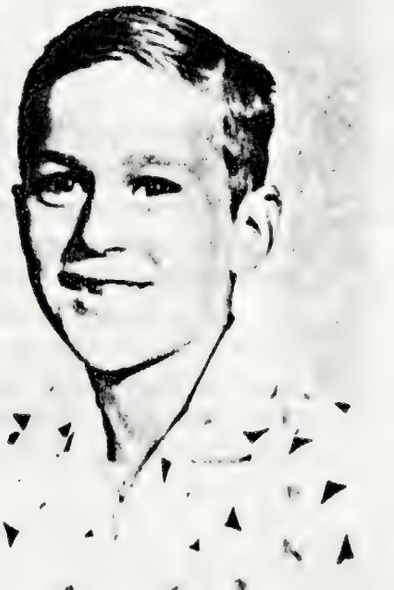
Top, left: Mildred. On cart: Vincent, Mildred. To right of cart: Mildred.



HUSBAND

EMIL CHRISTIAN REIMER: Elementary education, Toppenish, Washington. Occupation - R. R. section, labor foreman, and truck driver. Had duty with the U. S. Army. Interests - fishing and reading.

CHILDREN

MERIDEE LYNN: Passed away shortly after birth, cerebral hemorrhage.

DENNIS JOHN: Patrolman at McKinley school. Enjoys football and fishing. Collects travel folders and foreign stamps. Singularly honored in 1958 in being the only one to receive a Bible from the Sunday School for a year's perfect attendance at Sunday School and morning services.

TERRILL EUGENE: Good sense of humor. Likes to read, play baseball and climb trees.

LOIS MARLAYNE: Likes school, reading and playing with dolls.

VINCENT

SCHOOLING AND OCCUPATION

High school at Bancroft and Lone Rock, Iowa. L. B. I., Minneapolis; Augsburg College, Minneapolis; Concordia College, Moorhead (B. A. degree) and extension work at the University of Minnesota. Minneapolis Cold Storage Company; lay preaching; high school teacher for five years of English, speech and art, at Comfry and Elbow Lake, Minnesota.

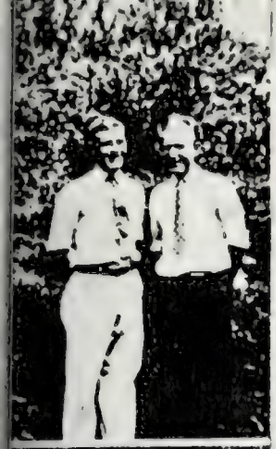
MEMBERSHIPS, INTERESTS

Family: Fridley Lutheran Church. Liturgist, chairman of church boards, Sunday School superintendent, president of the church men's club. P. T. A. president.

Interests: Bible teaching at various vacation schools and churches, speaking, vocal solos, painting, woodwork. Received awards for work suggestions.

WIFE

HAZEL LYNN EASTMAN, daughter of John and Esther Eastman of Duluth, Minnesota. Attended Denfeld High School, Duluth, the University of Minnesota Duluth branch, and graduate of L. B. I. (4 year night school courses). Activities - high school: class editor of annual, honor society, debate team, school paper. Luther League president, Ladies Aid president, Sunday School superintendent. Reporter - Duluth paper. Assistant girl scout leader. Interests - has 3 published articles, winner of several writing contests. Night school courses in creative writing, cake decorating and interior decorating. Parish worker at Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis before marriage. At present, secretary for U. S. Department of Agriculture.






VINCENT

Wife: Hazel
Children: David,
Judith

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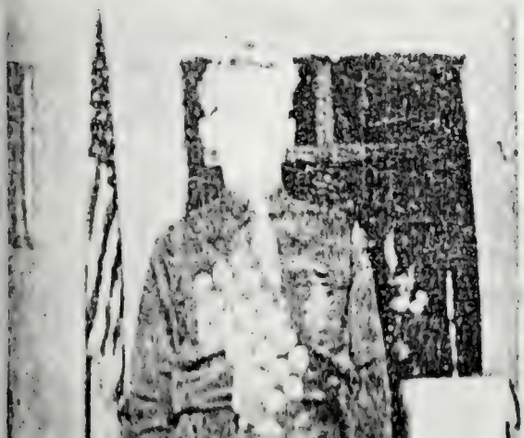
Top, left: Vincent with Anton; below: Vincent. Top center: Vincent at high school graduation; below: Elaine & Vincent. Right: David & Judy.





They have a lovely home on Mississippi Boulevard, designed and built by Vincent.

CHILDREN

DAVID LEANDER: Jr. and Sr. High School, Anoka. Member of biology club at school as well as stamp club. Adult ornothology club. Eagle Scout as of January 1960. Luther League president. Attended International Youth Conference in Texas, December 1959. Interests - stamp collecting; ornathology field trips including building bird houses, feeders, etc.; daily bird census and reports. Received life saving badge in swimming, biology science essay award sophomore year, and the Pro deo et Patri scout award. Assistant teacher of vacation Bible school.

JUDITH LYNN: Coon Rapids Jr. High School. Member Youth for Christ group, Luther League - president and vice president, First Class Girl Scout. Editor Coon Rapids Luther League paper. Elected leader of athletic class. Supervisor of sports at vacation Bible school. Favorite sports - swimming and horseback riding. Special talent - youth leadership.

ELAINE

SCHOOLING AND OCCUPATION

Litchfield High School and Minneapolis Business College. Before marriage, stenographer. Now, homemaker.

MEMBERSHIPS, INTERESTS

Family: Salem Lutheran Church. Secretary of Women's Missionary Society; Service Guild; P. T. A.,

Interests: china painting, cake decorating, sewing, camping, fishing and remodelling houses.

HUSBAND

LLOYAL ORRIN BACON: Blue Earth and East Chain, Minnesota high schools; B. S. degree from University of Minnesota and M. S. degree from Penn. State College. Professor of Geophysics at Michigan School of Mining and Technology, Houghton. Member of American Institue of Mining and Engineering, Sigma Xi, Theta Tau (honorary). Trustee at church. Consultant in geophysics by contract. Interests - fishing and home remodelling. Own home in Hancock, Michigan.

CHILDREN

DIANE JEANETTE: Attending Hancock High School. School year book editor. Sunday School teacher and member of Luther League. Sang first church solo (Bless This House) at age 15 and has sewed own clothes since age 13. Interests - opera, singing, piano, cooking sewing, skiing, swimming, camping and horseback riding.

ELAINE

Husband: Lloyal
Children: Diane, Marlys, Richard, Patricia, James, Sherrill.

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Top, left: Elaine, Elaine, Lloyal.
Center right: Bacon home at Hancock.

Family picture at lower right, 1959. Standing: Patty Jo, Marlys, Diane, Ricky. Seated: Sherrill, Elaine, Jim, Lloyal.



Top row: Diane 7, 6, 3 yr.
Second Row: Marlys $5\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{1}{2}$, 2 yr.



Third Row: Ricky 4, 3 yr., 2 mo.



Below, left & center: Patty Jo $1\frac{1}{2}$ yr., 5 mo. Below: Jim 6 mo.



MARLYS ELAINE: Attending Hancock High School - on student council, reporter on paper, in choir. Luther League member. Interests - poem and story writing, amateur photography, sewing, piano, camping, swimming, skiing, horseback riding, intermurals at high school. Received declamatory contest awards.

RICHARD LLOYAL: Attends Hancock Jr. High. Member of Fraternal Youth Association at Michigan Tech. Local paper boy. Interests - swimming, skiing, mechanics. A heat winner in 1958 Soap Box Derby.

PATRICIA JOANNE: Hancock grade school. Girl Scout. Jr. Choir at church. Interests - swimming, skiing, skating, camping.

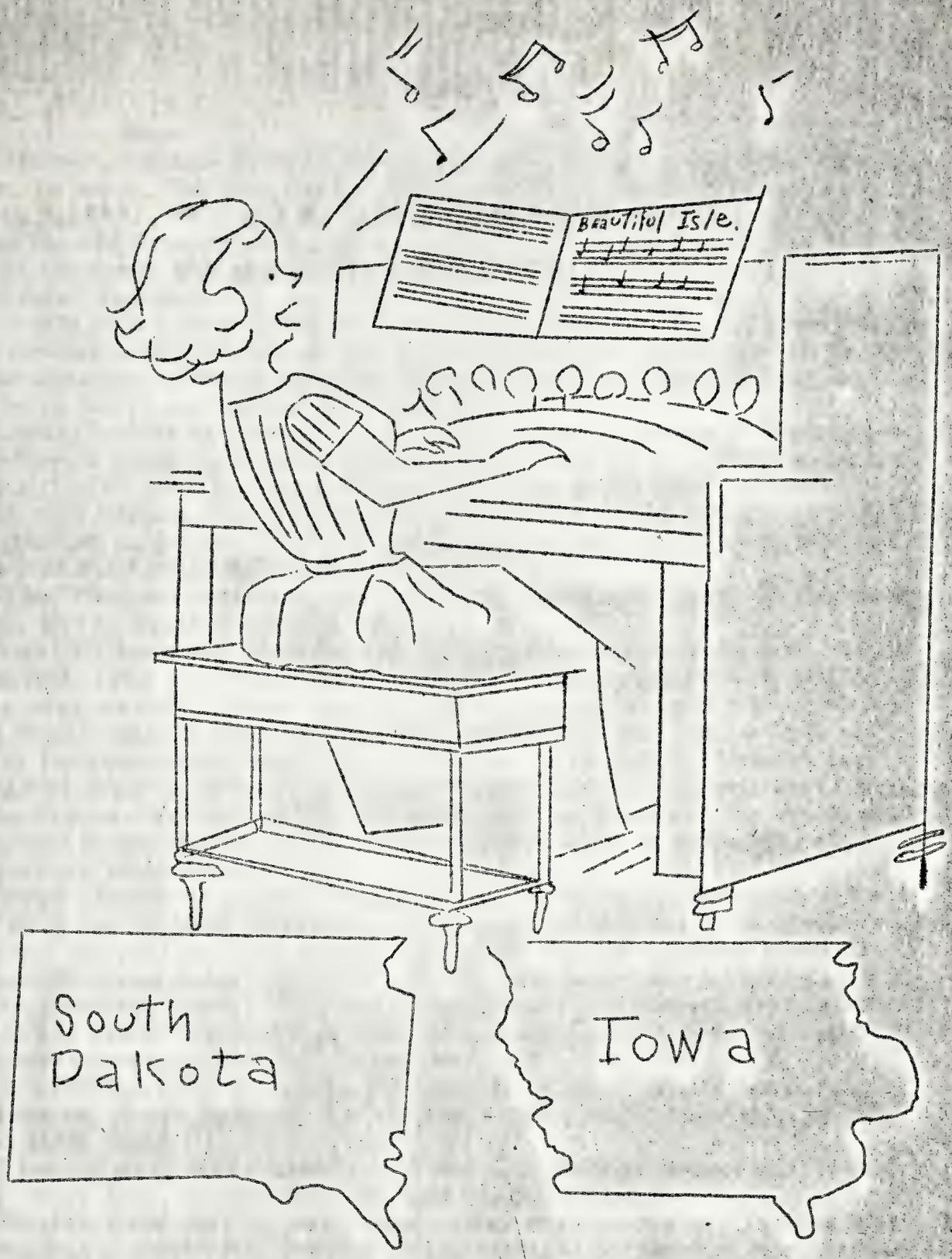
JAMES ROBERT: Hancock grade school.

SHERRILL ANNE:

One day I went up to the hills
And stopped to listen and look;
And there the wonder dawned on me
Of rustling leaves, and singing brooks.
All woodland sounds converged as one
To say, "Come see what God has done"!

Thus invited I onward trod,
Watching each small flower's nod;
Drawing nearer to my God.
Seeking and finding what He laid for me
In every kind of plant and tree;
Bending over and whispering to me
"See what thy God has done for Thee".

--Marlys Bacon (1958)



HANNA

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HANNAH

Hannah, second child of John and Emma Nyman, was their first to be born in Iowa. She was born at the family farm home near Bancroft, January 4, 1885. As a girl Hannah was interested in music and was often seen at the old Reed organ, singing and playing. Later, when she had a home of her own, she played the piano while her husband and children played other instruments or sang.

While still a girl in the parental Nyman home, she was very efficient in looking after the younger children as to their manner of dressing and the condition of their clothing. She liked to iron, even though the irons were heavy and heated on a coal stove.

Young people at the time of Hannah's youth went places in groups of a dozen or more in a lumber wagon or in a bob sled, according to the season. There were basket socials and school programs, besides visiting friends. Hannah and her sister Laura were "real close" all through their growing up years. They often dressed alike. They were confirmed together at the Lutheran church in Bancroft.

The Dirksens moved to Bancroft from Hampton, Iowa, in the spring of 1900, and to South Dakota in 1903.

Neal Dirksen and Hannah Nyman were married in February, 1905, at Bancroft. The snow was deep, the wind was blowing briskly and the temperature was 38 ' below zero as the Nyman children left the country school house, having told their teacher that they would not be back the next day because their sister Hannah was to be married. Hannah and Neal had planned to be married at the Nyman home. The minister, who lived in Algona, would take the forenoon train to Bancroft, be met there for the trip to the Nyman farm and then be returned to Bancroft before the afternoon train went south.

Road conditions made it impossible to drive from Bancroft to the farm, have the wedding ceremony and reception and get back to Bancroft during the interval between trains. As a result, the wedding party drove to Bancroft, using team and sled, and the ceremony was performed at the B. C. Lindberg home. The guests who could get through the drifted roads to the attend the wedding reception at the bride's home brought their snow shovels with them, using them too.

A week later the young couple went by train to Neal's home near Twin Brooks, South Dakota. By 1907 they had a complete set of buildings on their farm.

Five children were born to this couple: George Rossman, Archie Leroy, Wava Mae, Dwight Melvin, and Gladys Melva.

Hannah lived only thirteen years after her marriage. During that time she was a good wife, mother and homemaker. She had been raised in the Lutheran church but the German language was used exclusively in the only Lutheran church near their home, so the Dirksens attended the Methodist church in Corona, South Dakota. Here Hannah attended faithfully and helped in the Ladies' Aid, Sunday School, and wherever else she could.

Following Hannah's death in January 1918, life had to go on for Neal and the five children. Neal did a wonderful job of keeping the home together and , by having help part of the time, managed very well. Hannah's

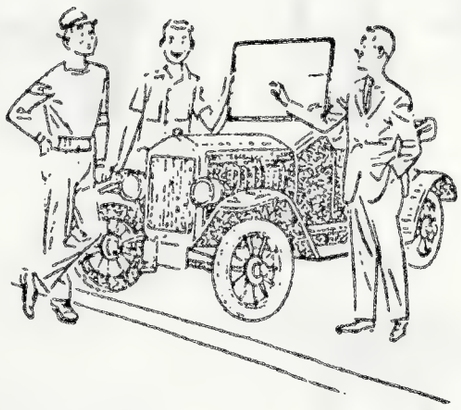
sister Lillian stayed with them one summer and was a great help and inspiration in the motherless home.

Neal seldom failed to get the children to church and Sunday School. He took an active interest in their school work and recreation. He loved music and managed for the children to have instruments and music lessons if they were interested. This was a great source of entertainment in the Dirksen home and in the community.

Neal saw to it that the children were entertained and he enjoyed doing things with them. There were plenty of home-made sleds, cutters, and dependable horses for winter fun - and no one could make a better snowman! In summer, a trip or two to the lake for school and church picnics, or a home-made ice cream party with a few neighbors over, was quite an event. Folks remember him as a practical joker, with a wonderful sense of humor.

Neal passed away in November of 1952.

Note: Discrepancies in spelling of name Hanna or Hannah are due to the fact that her children and her sister used different spellings. Evidently she was originally named Hanna but probably used Hannah later on. We have followed spellings as found in copy submitted to us.



" . . . she even bought a Model T and everyone went home for Christmas."
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Top, left: Attendants, Laura & George; Groom & bride, Neal & Hanna. Above: Neal, Archie, Wana, Hanna, George. Second row: the elevator Neal built; Dad joined in the fun. Third row: Elin Quist & Wana; Dirksen home. Bottom: Dirksens, 1951. Grandchildren, back row: Malcolm, Mary Ann, Harlan, Judy. Front: Donald, Neal, Carol.

GEORGE

Hannah and Neal's first child, George Rossman, was born at Twin Brooks, South Dakota January 22, 1906. As a boy he helped more with horse chores and field work. His special dish when it was his job to get supper, was corn starch pudding.

We quote from George's autobiography:

"After five years of employment at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, I was drafted into the peace-time U.S. Army in April, 1941. This was supposed to be a one year training period and would have ended December 8, 1941 if the Japs hadn't bombed Pearl Harbor the previous day. M My time was extended for the duration of the war, which was only eleven days short of five years. In that time I went overseas with the first fighting unit of the 34th Division, first to Ireland, later to England and Wales then to France, Belgium and a short stay in Holland. My overseas service lasted four years, one month, one week, one day. During this time twenty-five months were spent in England and Wales.

"At Newport, England, on January 25, 1944, during a blackout I met Mary Gertrude Pullen, born at Langstone, England May 11, 1944. Sixteen months later we were married in a little country church among the tall oak and weeping willow. Nineteen months later, on December 9, 1945, Malcolm was born. Three months after that I was ordered ho home to be discharged. A month and a half later Mary and Malcolm arrived in the United States. I met them in Chicago and together we arrived home in South Dakots on Decoration Day, 1946. Enroute home from Bristow, Iowa, along with Dwight and his family we stopped at Greenwood Cemetery near Bancroft and visited the grave of our dear Mother, Hannah. We arrived at the farm home in South Dakota about sundown.

"We farmed and lived with Dad and Archie nearly two years. Then Mary and Malcolm went to England to visit her folks. They were away a year and two weeks. I met them in Milbank upon their return. When I lifted my little Malcolm from the train and tried to hug him he pushed away and said, "You better put me down," and called out, "Mom." It was quite a while before we made up. He was three and a half at that time.

"Dad and Archie built a small house in Milbank shortly after Mary and Malcolm returned from England. We rented the farm and at present can still be found there."

Beth Suzanne was born at Twin Brooks January 1, 1955.

George, Mary, Malcolm and Beth attend the Methodist Church in Twin Brooks. Mary was baptized, confirmed and married in the Church of England, where Malcolm was also baptized.

George plays several instruments, including accordian, violin, guitar, harmonica and banjo. He says he plays mostly for his own entertainment, rather than at public performances.

Malcolm plays trombone in the high school band.








Top row: Archie & George;
2 & 3, George; Malcolm & George.

Second row: Malcolm & Beth, 1955.
The George & Mary Dirksen family, 1959.



ARCHIE

Archie took the responsibility of getting the fires going in the morning and of getting breakfast. He was the best dish washer in the family. Archie stayed at home with Neal after the other children went away to school and eventually to homes of their own. He moved with his father to Milbank and later to Corona, where they lived until Neal's sudden passing in November 1952.

Archie now owns his own house in Twin Brooks, but works out in the country most of the time. He keeps busy helping others, reading or with his stamp collecting. He is a good cook. He worked at Scout Camp in Waverly, Iowa, with Dwight, two summers.

WAVA

Wava assumed the responsibility as head of the house at an early age. When most girls were planning what to do for entertainment, Wava was planning what to prepare for meals and seeing to the family clothing. The years were pretty rough in the thirties and Wava worked at various places. She worked in Decorah, Iowa, while Dwight and Gladys attended school there, helping them with the clothing situation. She even bought a Model T coupe for Dwight, and everyone went home for Christmas!

In March, 1939, Wava married Herman W. Johnson, born at Marvin, South Dakota. Their son, Harlan Jay, was born at Marvin also. He is a high school junior during the 1959-60 school term. Judy Ann, born at Twin Brooks, is a sixth grader. The Johnsons are members of the Lutheran church.

Herman and Wava operate a coffee shop at Milbank. Herman has also done blacksmithing and farming.

DWIGHT

Dwight was an ambitious fellow. Nothing was too high, too deep or dangerous for him to try. He liked to get into the kitchen by himself and bake something. If Wava and Archie were gone long enough for him to get a start he was in his glory. 'Quite a mess sometimes, but it must have been good experience because it came to be one of the major activities of his life.

On May 18, 1941, Dwight married Mae Irene Cain, born at Waverly Junction, Iowa, a librarian and high school teacher of music and English.



Wava, 5 mo.; Herman & Wava Johnson family, 1959; Harlan & Judy.

Left: Dwight & Gladys at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.

Lower left: Dwight Dirksen family, 1959.

Lower right: Gladys with Carol & Neal, 1959


She was educated at Cornell College and at Wartburg College, receiving her B. A. at the latter. Mae is presently active in P. T. A., Girl Scouts, and other community services. She plays clarinet and piano and enjoys reading.

CHILDREN

1Mary Ann, born at Waverly, Iowa, is now a senior (during 1959-60 term) at Waterloo High School, belongs to Grace Methodist Church, is president of Maxime Club (Honor Club), was editor of Mc Kinstry Junior High paper and member of Order of Rainbow Girls.

Activities and interests: piano, violin , bassoon, saxaphone, swimming, horseback riding, creative writing, reading.

2. Donald Neal, born at Hampton, Iowa, is an 8th grader during the 1959-60 school term. Activities and interests: trombone and reading.

3. Jane Marie, born at Waterloo, Iowa, is a second grader during the current school year.

Dwight worked on the farm three years between high school and college; was teacher and superintendent; for the past 14 years, teacher of Special Education and Director of Cafeteria and Bakery at Logan Junior High School at Waterloo, Iowa.

Dwight received his B. A. degree at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, in 1938 and his M. A. degree at Drake University, Des Moines, in 1948. Other schooling: Vocational Training, Brookings, South Dakota; American Institute Baking, Chicago; courses in Home Ec and Guidance, State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Memberships and Offices: Church of Christ, Hampton; Advancement Chrm. Boy Scouts.

Activities and Interests: Cooking and baking- cook for Boy and Girl Scout Camps in summer time (whole family helps and we live at camp), 40,000 meals per season; carpenter work; plumbing, wiring; work shop in basement; hunting phesants; coached baseball; work with Boy Scout organization in many capacities; love teaching and guidance work.

The whole family enjoys camping . Dwight says, "Whole family loves camping and take off each summer with our tent and 'gear' for a week or two or three on a trip to state and national parks - have been to Canada twice, Rockies, Michigan, Georgia, West. The family residence has been at 2115 Mulberry St., Waterloo since 1947.

GLADYS

Gladys was an ordinary little girl, freckles and all. She always liked school, singing, and company. She liked to wear her sister's clothes and jewelry. She never did like washing dishes and that sort of thing. She and Dwight were almost constant companions at home, through grade and high school, at college, and while they were teaching in neighboring towns - once in the same school. Guardian angels for each other, always sharing problems, giggles, cares and sorrows.

Gladys attended Luther College, Decorah, 1935-39. She taught school in Exline, Iowa, then in Alexander, Iowa, for three years and in Bristow, Iowa, one year.

She married in 1942 and lived in Rockford, Illinois, and later went to Muskogee, Oklahoma with Frank after he finished basic in Texas. After six months there they went to Camp Hood, Texas, where she taught school one semester. When Frank went overseas she came back to South Dakota. Their son, Neal, was born February 21, 1946. Frank had been in Japan and came home in May 1946. Grandpa Neal objected to Gladys' taking baby Neal out at 3:00 o'clock in the morning to meet his father's train, but she took him along.

Frank worked at a John Deere Implement Store in Milbank until they moved to Corona and later to a farm near Corona. Carol Jolene was born August 16, 1947. They had a busy and happy life with their little family until Frank had a coronary attack in March 1956. He doctored with a specialist in Minneapolis, but suffered a second and fatal attack as they were returning from visiting friends.

Gladys had a sale and moved back to their home in Corona, and has been teaching since. All have been well, mightily befriended and have many activities to take up their time. Psychology is Gladys' favorite subject to teach and in her spare time she finds the study of philosophy most interesting, She says she will never be bored as long as she can be with people, have good books and magazines to read, and coffee to drink.

MEMBERSHIPS, OFFICES, etc.

Gladys: Christian church, W. S. C. S., Extension Club, etc.
Francis: Methodist church, president of Corona Community Club, etc.
Neal and Carol: Christian church, Corona school band (clarinet), 4-H
Neal was in the 8th grade and Carol in the 7th grade, 1959-60.

INTERESTS, TALENTS, HOBBIES, etc.

Gladys: Teaching English and dramatics and social studies; scrap books, chiefly bits of philosophy; interior decorating.
Francis (Frank): horses were his main sparetime interest.
Neal: Main interest, school work, piano and clarinet. Scale model car collecting as hobby. Grade basketball.
Carol: School and band main interst. Grade team cheer leader. Horses are spare time interest. She has a "scale model" horse collection.

OCCUPATIONS

Gladys: housewife and teacher
Francis: mechanic and farmer

IN MEMORIAM

Francis C. Eddy passed away August 31, 1956 at age 38, following coronary attack. Burial at Milbank, South Dakota.

LAURA

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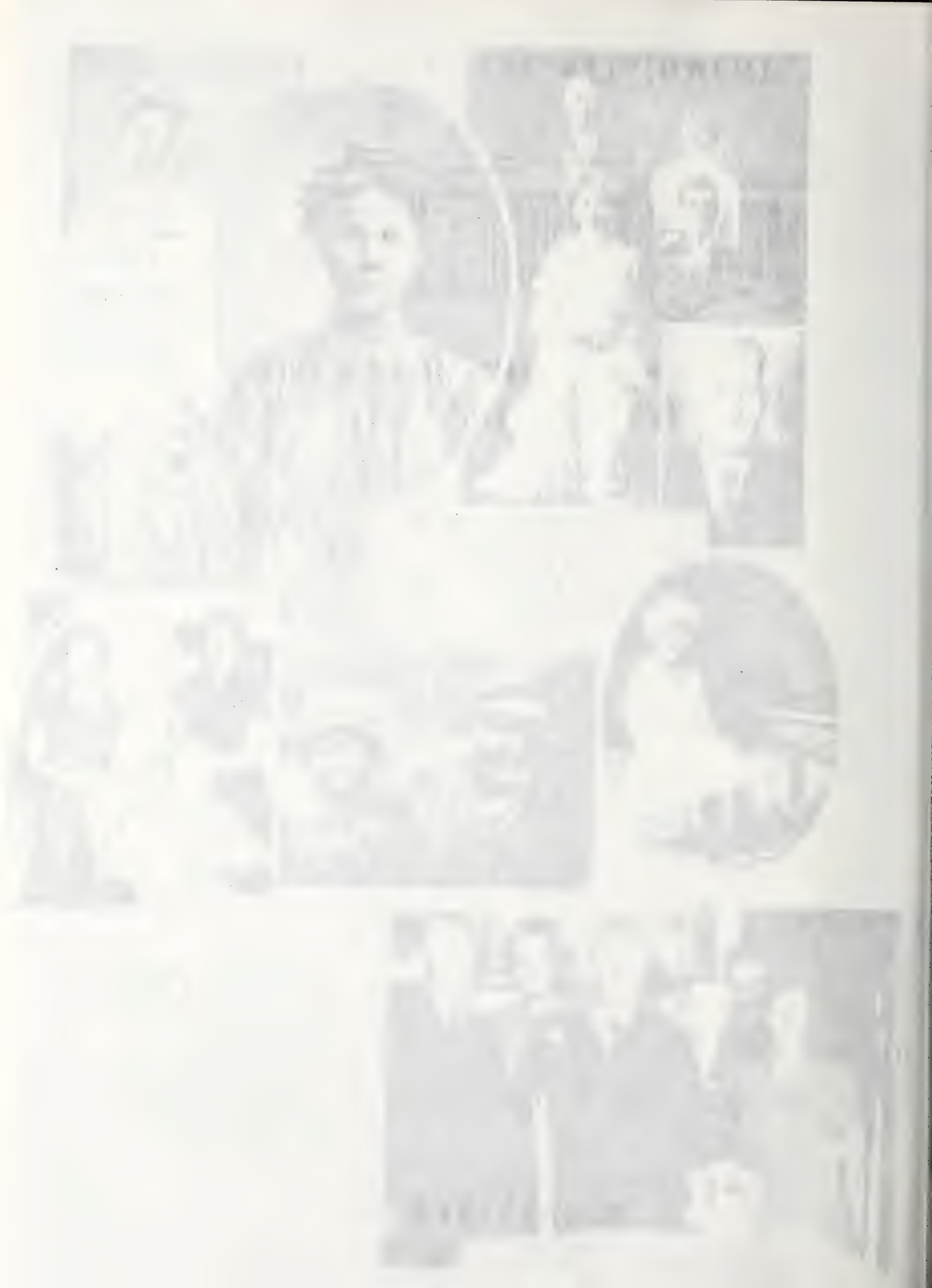
LAURA

Below: Home near Bancroft, birthplace of June, Bernice & Floyd.

Left: John in later years.
Above: Laura & John as bride & groom, with Ellen & George as attendants.

Center row: Bernice; June, Floyd; 4 generations - June, Delores, John with Myron Allan Cyphers.
Left: John Nelson with second wife, stepson and stepdaughter at his right, June & Floyd at his left.



LAURA

Laura Wilhemina Nyman was born November 19, 1886, at Bancroft, Iowa, the third daughter of John and Emma Nyman. She was baptized and confirmed in the Swedish Lutheran Church at Bancroft. She attended a rural school.

When she was young, her ambition was to be a helper in a children's home or hospital as she loved to care for children. Her efficiency in this department was proven when she was left with the responsibility of caring for her tiny sister, Edna, age five months, when her mother and brother George were in a Starbuck, Minnesota, hospital for operations.

On June 8, 1910, she married John Nelson. That spring had been very dry, but it rained all day the day of their wedding. They drove with team and buggy to Algona to be married in the Lutheran parsonage. Her brother John and sister Ellen were the attendants. Before they arrived in Algona, the rain was pouring down so John stopped uptown and purchased two parasols before the girls could venture from the buggy. After a muddy trip home, they enjoyed a delicious supper their mother had prepared.

John took Laura to live on his farm five miles West of Bancroft. She was an excellent homemaker, cook and pastry baker. She also liked music and played the organ a little. She loved to fish in the river which flowed through their farm. They had three children, June, Bernice and Floyd.

In the winter of 1915, she contracted a cold which developed into tuberculosis. For a time she lived in a small, screened house away from her children. In the meantime, her family was being cared for by her mother and sisters, Ellen, Lillian and Esther.

On August 19, 1917, she passed away at the age of thirty years, nine months. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Bancroft.

JOHN

John Nelson was born March 12, 1870, at Vis-Marlof, Sweden. He was the son of Nels and Maria Pearson. He attended an elementary school for a few terms, but as was the custom, he quit to go to work to help support the family.

When he was eighteen he came to America. He spent a number of years working as a farm hand near Rockford, Illinois. When gold was discovered in Alaska in 1898, he joined the thousands in the rush to the Klondike. In later years he wrote an interesting story about his trip and life in Alaska. His story is included in this book.

In 1900, at the age of thirty, he returned to Sweden to visit his folks. He had sent them money through the years and they had built a new home. He enjoyed his visit, but was anxious to get back to America. He said that one of the greatest thrills of his life was when he saw the Statue of Liberty again as the boat came into New York harbor. He joined his brother, Will, at Iowa Falls, Iowa, where they farmed for several years.

In 1908 he purchased a farm five miles west of Bancroft, Iowa. Here he met and married a neighbor girl, Laura Nyman. They were married June 8, 1910. Three children, June, Floyd and Bernice were born to them. In 1917 his wife, Laura, died. He then sent money to Sweden to his sister, Lena, and her son to come to America to help him take care of his children. In the meantime, their aunt, Ellen Nyman, took charge of them for a year.

In 1918, he sold his farm at Bancroft and bought one at Medford, Minnesota. In March, 1919, he moved his family. In April, 1920, he lost his small daughter, Bernice. She had been a paralytic and he had taken almost complete care of her. As his sister, Lena, had left, he had to hire a series of housekeepers. With the faithful help of Grandma Nyman and Aunts Ellen, Esther and Lillian, they were able to manage. In the fall of 1920, his son, Floyd, contracted polio. In December, 1921, he married again. In 1927 he bought a smaller farm near Fairbault. He farmed this until he retired to Morristown, Minnesota, in 1939. He passed away September 15, 1954, at the age of eighty-four, from complications following a heart attack. He is buried at Morristown.

BERNICE

Ada Bernice was born to John and Laura Nelson on July 9, 1913. She was very delicate and weighed only four and one half pounds at birth. After six months, her parents realized she was a paralytic or spastic. She was baptized in the Swedish Lutheran Church at Bancroft. Bernice didn't sit alone until she was 21 months old, and she never walked.

On June 28, 1917, she entered the University Hospital at Iowa City. Here they put casts on her limbs, and she also contracted scarlet fever. She returned to Iowa City November 8, and had the casts removed. She visited an aunt at Iowa Falls from November 10 to November 19, after which she returned to the hospital for more casts. These her father removed on January 12, 1918, without the discomfort experienced before.

The most important person in Bernice's life was her father, who kept vigil over her day and night. She passed away at the age of 6 years and 9 months on April 20, 1920 at Faribault, Minnesota, from influenza and pneumonia. She was laid to rest by her mother in the Greenwood Cemetery at Bancroft.

FLOYD

Floyd Carroll, youngest of Laura and John Nelson's children, was born at the farm home near Bancroft December 14, 1914. He was not yet three years old when his mother passed away in August, 1917. Grandma Nyman filled an important place in the lives of Floyd and his sister June (Bernice, only 17 months older than Floyd, passed away in 1920), helping John care for his children whenever possible. Others, especially their Uncle George, also lent a helping hand.

EDUCATION and OCCUPATION

After completion of schooling at Bancroft, Floyd attended the University of Minnesota School of Mines. He became a metalurgist, specializing in welding electrodes. He has been employed in this field, with private industry, in Minneapolis, Milwaukee (1951-58) and, since 1958, at San Diego, California. In addition to his main work, he is a consultant to other firms, involving travel in the California area.

WIFE

In 1942 Floyd married VIRGINIA MORTENSON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mortenson, Willmar, Minnesota. Virginia is an accountant, graduated from the University of Minnesota. She has been employed in this field both before and after marriage. Virginia is an expert at knitting and has made many beautiful sweaters.

CHILDREN

CAROLYN JEAN (Corky): Born in Minneapolis, attended schools in Minneapolis and Sussex (suburb of Milwaukee) and in San Diego, graduating from Point Loma High School, San Diego, in 1960. Will attend the University of Mexico, Mexico City, for the 1960-61 term. Besides school interests, she likes cooking and baking.

DOUGLAS ROGER: Born in Minneapolis, schooling at Sussex (suburb of Milwaukee) and San Diego. Interests: school, scouting, music. Is Scout trumpeteer, and has won marksmanship awards in target shooting.

As student; 9 mo. old.

Nelson family on vacation;
Virginia with Carolyn Jean (18 mo.), July 6, 1944.

JUNE

June Marie, daughter of John and Laura Nelson, was born at Bancroft, Iowa, June 21, 1911. She was baptized at the Swedish Lutheran Church in Bancroft by Rev. C. G. Lundell. She started school in April of 1917. That fall her mother passed away. The following March her family moved to Medford, Minnesota. She entered the Medford Consolidated School in the second grade and continued her schooling there until she had completed the eighth grade.

At the age of 15, during the summer vacation, she worked for a wealthy family in Faribault, Minnesota, having full responsibility of keeping the house in order and cooking and serving the meals in courses.

That fall she went to Swea City to live with herGrandmother Nyman and Aunt Edna to enter high school. A year later, at the age of 16, she met and became engaged to Cecil Smith. They were married on her 17th birthday, June 21, 1928, at the "Little Brown Church in the Vale." Edna Nyman and Howard Smith were their attendants.

June and Cecil joined Immanuel Evangelical Church of rural Blue Earth, where June was active in Ladies Aid, choir and other church activities. They farmed several farms in the Blue Earth area, leaving a few roots behind in the form of trees planted and a perennial flower border at each place.

June's hobbies are sewing and saving every scrap of material, as her grandmother did. A vegetable garden and lots of flowers are a must.

In addition to homemaking she has worked as cook at a canning factory canteen and is currently employed at J. C. Penney's in Blue Earth. She is first and foremost a good homemaker, friend and neighbor.

Four children were born to June and Cecil: Delores, Joanne, Carol, and Robert Nelson Smith. Robert Nelson, stillborn March 23, 1951, was buried at Blue Earth Riverside Cemetery.

CECIL

Cecil Frederich Smith, son of Robert and Prudence Smith, was born at Germania, Iowa, March 25, 1903. The name Germania was changed to Lakota during the first World War. He attended grade school in the rural schools near Lahota and graduated from eighth grade in the Lahota Public School. He quit school to help his father on the farm. He has a brother, Howard.

In 1922 Cecil moved with his family to Blue Earth, Minnesota. Here he farmed with his father and rented extra land for himself.

After Cecil and June were married, in 1928, they farmed for a number of years in the Blue Earth area and then in 1951 moved to Farmington, Minnesota. Here they farmed for three years before returning to Blue Earth, following the death of Cecil's parents. Cecil inherited half of the 240 acre home farm on which he built a new home. This is their present home in which one daughter, Carol, lives with them. In the spring of 1960 Cecil quit farming and rented the land to a neighbor. The family will continue to live in their home on the farm, two and a half miles from town.



Cecil, 2 yr.; Cecil & June, on wedding day; June, 3 yr.






Second row: Joanne, 15 mo., & Delores, 6 yr.; Smith sisters; June & Cecil, 1959. Third row: Smith family; Delores & Joanne "off to country school"; Smith family hobby - camping. Below: June & Cecil on 25th anniversary, with attendants Edna & Howard; In 1956: Mike, Carol, June, Cecil, Al, Peggy holding Steve.


When June and Cecil's children were small the family took short vacations, between harvest and school opening, in the form of camping trips. These trips took them west as far as Yellowstone, through the Black Hills, and south through the Ozark mountains. They also camped in the Canadian Wilderness, Michigan's Upper Penninsula, Wisconsin and all over Minnesota. They found ..... fishing, sharing the scenery as a family group, and camping away from crowds a never to be forgotten experience.

DELORES

I was born on a farm one half mile west from Granpa and Grandma Smith's farm. We moved to the Dr. Logan farm near East Chain, where I spent my second year. When hard times hit my folks moved in with Grandpa Smith. After a while we moved into a separate house. Theses were happy years for me. While here I gained two sisters and we had a lot of fun playing cowboy and riding horseback along the river and in the woods of Grandpa's big pasture.

When I was in high school we moved to a farm three miles from Blue Earth. This was the same farm that Al had lived on when he was a child. At this time he and his family were living on Dr. Logan's farm, where had had formerly lived.

In 1949 we moved to a farm a half mile north of Grandpa's. Al and I were married July 9, 1950, and took our honeymoon trip to Denver, the Black Hills and other parts west. We returned to Blue Earth where we had a two room apartment. We were glad when December came and we could get out to a farm again.

We started farming with about three cows, 200 chickens and a few pigs. Now we have 30 head of cows, young stock, and 750 chickens.

SCHOOLING: District 58 grade school near Blue Earth. Graduated from Blue Earth High School in 1947. Attended teacher training one year at Blue Earth. Graduated in 1948.
OCCUPATION: Started teaching in September of 1948. Taught rural grade school three years, the last two years being the same school where I had spent eight years as a pupil. I had all eight grades to teach.
MEMBERSHIPS, INTERESTS, etc. :

Member of Immanuel E. U. B. Church from childhood until joining Bancroft Lutheran in 1957. Sang in the E. U. B. choir and ladies sextet. Held offices in E. U. B. Youth Fellowship. Secretary of E. U. B. Ladies' Aid, 1951. Taught Bible School several years. Attended Bible camp at Lake Koronis several summers. Confirmed in Immanuel E. U. B. Church when 14. Baptized in Swea City Lutheran Church.

4-H from 1939 until 1948. Held many offices. County Dress Revue queen 1944 and 1945 - went to state fair.

Like outdoor work, gardening. Can milk cows, drive tractor. Sew most of the boys' clothes and some for myself. Belonged to the Riverside Saddle Club in high school days. Horses have been my hobby since I can first remember. Got my first pony when I was five; had six different ones, until I traded my saddle horse for a baby boy when Mike came to live with us.

Like traveling; family took off for at least a few days every summer to go camping (tent and camp stove style) and fishing. Took a trip to Black Hills and Yellowstone with Grandpa and Grandma Smith and family.

ALVIN CLEM CYPHERS (AL) was born at Maxbass, North Dakota, January 5, 1927.
SCHOOLING and MILITARY SERVICE: Country schools near Blue Earth. Attended East Chain Schools until junior year in high school; graduated from Blue Earth High school in 1944 as salutatorian in class of 64 students.

Enlisted in U. S. Navy in September, 1944. Trained at Great Lakes, New Jersey and at Whidbey Island, Washington. Overseas duty in Shanghai, China, as meteorologist. Was 3rd class petty officer at time of discharge in 1946.
OCCUPATION: After Navy, was warehouse foreman at Giant company in Blue Earth, two years. Took "On the Job Veterans' Training" at men's clothing store in Blue Earth, two years. Stated farming in 1951.
MEMBERSHIPS and INTERESTS: Member of St. Paul's Lutheran (Missouri) until 1950, then joined E. U. B. Church. Joined Bancroft Lutheran in 1957.

Was a member of Faribault County Rural Youth and Blue Earth American Legion after military service. Belonged to 4-H many years. Was county health champion in 1944 and attended state contest at state fair.

Bowled in League for several years, at Blue Earth. Likes hunting, fishing and traveling.

MYRON ALAN CYPHERS (MIKE) was born January 19, 19 54 at Blue Earth. Weight, 8 lbs., 10oz.
INTERESTS: Playing cowboys, drawing, T. V., visiting Grandma and Grandpa, riding bicycle, and a great love for Sunday School. Has every lesson since he started Sunday School. M Baptized in 1954 at Immanuel E. U. B. Church.

Mike has always been a husky boy, weighing 31 lbs. when he was 9 months old. He loves to follow his Great-great Uncle George around "helping" build and fix things, and playing with George's "5-6", as he calls his steel tape measure.

He has been a quiet child, doesn't touch things in stores, and is careful of things around home. Is very loving, likes attention and likes to be held.

STEVEN GREGORY CYPHERS (STEVE) was born July 28, 1956 at Blue Earth, weighing 7 lbs. 14 1/2 oz. We were living on George's farm at this time. Baptized 1956 at Immanuel E. U. B. Church.

INTERESTS: Playing cowboy, riding in car, T. V.

Steve is quite different from Mike. He is smaller and slighter built. From the time he started to crawl he was into everything and messing up. He likes a quick kiss and hug and then off he goes. He is very polite, saying thank you for everything and is willing to share anything except just a few special toys.

Top: Delores Smith, school teacher; Delores & Alvin Cyphers, July 9, 1950.
Above: Delores' (Peggy) first love - horses & ponies.
Right: Mike & Steve, ages 4 & 2.

JOANNE

Joanne, second daughter of June and Cecil, enjoyed a happy childhood with parents and sisters at the farm home near Grandpa and Grandma Smith's. She is a graduate of Blue Earth High School and of Esteele Compton Modeling School.

Before her marriage Joanne worked as receptionist at Prudential Life Insurance Co. and also as a fashion model. Now she is occupied as full-time homemaker. Member of E. U. B. Church.

INTERESTS:

Interested in most everything. Make my own clothes, knit, love cooking, outdoor sports, puttering in garden, mowing lawn - just keeping active in general.

Joanne makes an extra comment on the personal information form sent her, which may be of interest to others:

"We neither smoke nor drink and hope to raise our son with the same belief as ours on the subject."

Joanne married Charles Bernhardt Koehler (nik - ZEKE), September 8, 1956. They have a son, Frederick Charles Koehler (Freddie), regarding whom his mother writes under the "occupation" heading of our familiar family information form, "Constantly bringing happiness to his loving family." Under "intersts" she wrote, in 1959, "old tin measuring cup" facetiously adding "multitalented little genius - as all first babies."

CHARLES KOEHLER

Charles, born in Minneapolis, is a graduate of the University of Minnesota. Before marriage he owned an Advertising Agency in Kansas City, Missouri. Now he is a real estate agent.

MEMBERSHIPS, INTERESTS, etc. :

32nd degree Mason; American Legion; Lions, Toastmasters International; St. Louis Park J. C.; Board of Realtors, Minneapolis.

Reading; refinishing furniture; camping; all outdoor sports - no spectator sports for either Charles or Joanne. Charles' curiosity is insatiable. Both Charles and Joanne have artistic tastes and abilities.

P. S. Charles Bernhardt Koehler, born June 11, 1960.

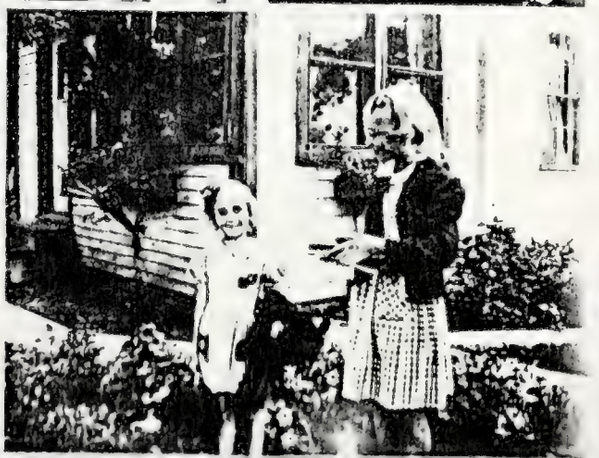
JOANNE

Top, left: Joanne and Charles Koehler with son, Frederick, the eve of his Christening, September 30, 1958.
Top right: Freddie with new brother, Charles Bernhardt, July 1960.

Left: Joanne, receptionist at Prudential, and fashion model.
Above: Joanne, drum major with Blue Earth High School band.

CAROL

Right: Carol, age 14; Carol telephone operator at Blue Earth. Below: Carol, age 3 months; Carol's first day of school - with Joanne.



CAROL

Carol Marie Smith, daughter of Cecil and June Smith, was born December 21, 1937, at Blue Earth, Minnesota. She was born with a congenital heart condition and was very tiny during the first years of her life. Heart surgery wasn't developed until a few years later. But with faith and prayer, and under the care of a good doctor, nature repaired her heart much the same as is accomplished through surgery now.

Carol started school when she was eight years old, in the same rural school which her sisters had attended. When the district was consolidated she attended the Blue Earth Public School.

She was baptized in the rural Evangelical Church east of Blue Earth. She was confirmed on Palm Sunday in 1951. She has been active in church work and in 4-H. Her accomplishments in 4-H include a blue ribbon lamb, reserve champion in junior dressmaking, champion in frozen foods, and a State blue ribbon in canning. She graduated from the Blue Earth high school in 1957.

Carol is now employed as a telephone operator at the Minnesota Valley Telephone Co. in Blue Earth.

My Trip to ALASKA, 1898

Twelve men in our party left Rockford, Illinois, in March 1898, arriving in Seattle three or four days later. We found the town full of people preparing to go to the Klondike. Many turned back, believing there was no chance for them.

Our party boarded a train for Van Couver, Washington. Arriving in Van Couver we bought our supplies. We shipped out on a boat that had been used in the war between China and Japan. She had been shot thru and patched up. The crew were mostly Japs.

The cargo consisted of dogs, oxen and some reindeer from Lapland, shipped in by an American. A Laplander took care of the deer. He could not speak English, only the Swedish. I was the interpreter. Three of the deer died on the boat. We took the inside channel all the way to Alaska. There were islands on the left except in two places, where the water was open and rough. People and dogs got seasick.

We arrived at Ft. Wrangler after three days on the water. There we unloaded our supplies, and started up the Sticken river with sleds. We pulled and packed as best we could; we had to relay about every thre miles.

We each had about twelve hundred pounds of tents, food and blankets, which made our travel slow. After we had traveled about forty miles the river broke up and we had to camp for about two weeks. Then we took a river boat for about another hundred miles. It took ten days to travel as far as the boat could go against the current. We averaged ten miles a day.

At the end of the 100 miles I broke up with the party because the others would not go through with all their supplies. I too knew we could never make it.

I joined up with a man from Brock, Nebraska, by the name of Edward T. Walters. We sent a man back to Van Couver to buy pack horses. We got three. The long trek started overland about 200 miles to Lake Teslon. Our horses were in good shape as we had taken our time. Some men left their horses along the trail to die.

At Lake Teslon we traded our three horses for a 16-foot boat. We started out one morning early, on our last jump. It took us four days on the lake. It is about 100 miles long and six miles wide with mountains on both sides. It stormed for two days and we had to camp on the shore until the storm was over. We finally got to the end of the lake where it empties into the Great Yukon river. Then to Dawson City we traveled about one thousand miles down stream, and it was very swift. Mountains on both sides, scenes one can never forget - and the rapids we had to go thru! We finally landed in Dawson city on the banks of the Yukon, where the Klondike flows out into the Yukon.

The town of Dawson had sprung up in a hurry. People had come from all over the world, but most of them from the States, Canada and Australia. A few even from New Zealand. These looked much like negroes.

Dawson was a lively town with saloons and gambling dens and dance halls where the miners would gather to keep warm and to get news, if any had found new places or mines. Here the miners could dance, gamble, buy whiskey at a dollar a drink and swing their girls around. Here the money was made easy and it went easy. (I should say gold dust, as there was very little money.)

Yes, the town was lively, but orderly. There was no shooting like you see in the movies. There were about 300 mounted police and they kept good order. As you know, Dawson is in Canadian territory, not in Alaska. Living was high, for bacon, beans and sugar. Flour was from seventy-five cents to a dollar a pound.

I got my first job working on claim No. 1. That means, where they first discovered gold. It was discovered by a Canadian and his squaw wife. I received a dollar and a half an hour for 23 days.

Some time in September it started to freeze up. They were done with summer digging - that is in the mines where they don't go over 12 feet deep. They strip off the top, which is black muck.

On top it is frozen so you have to pick it loose with a pick. When you get to the gravel the sun will thaw it from 3 to 6 inches a day. Then that is stripped off and repeated until you get down to where the gold is found in the gravel. It may start three feet from bed rock. The closer to bed rock, the richer it is. The gravel is run thru sluce boxes, the gold being heavy goes to the bottom, dirt and gravel wash out. The washing has to be done in summer when the snow is melting. There are about four months for washing. The days are very long in summer. You can read a paper at midnight.

The winter digging is done differently. They sink a shaft like a well, but take it easy. The ground has to be thawed as the shaft goes down. A fire is built in the evening and the next morning it is cleared out, maybe 18 or 20 inches, repeating every day until we get to bedrock. If you hit pay dirt in the bottom you are lucky; if not, you are working for nothing.

If there is gold then they drift under, building more fire in the evening. A man piles wood around the edge and puts a match to it. The man on top hoists him up. This is kept up all winter. No danger of a cave-in because everything is frozen except what is thawed loose. The pay dirt is pulled up and put in piles to be washed in summer. My new job was for a man by the name of Jim Elwell. He owned a mine on the mouth of Eldorado, the richest creek in Klondike.

My job in winter was to haul supplies to the mine. I had six big dogs to drive. It was 20 miles from Dawson. I would go down empty one day and load up my stuff and go back about a mile to a cabin and feed my dogs and myself. The dogs were fed only once a day, in the evening. If they were fed in the morning and had to work they would vomit.

After supper I would walk back to Dawson and take in the sights, and meet other people. Perhaps some news would sift in from the outside world. The mail was hauled in by dog teams. It took from two to three weeks to get mail from the coast and far between trips.

Well, I was done freighting from Dawson about New Year. Then I hauled wood down from the mountains to the mines, a very cold job. Some days the frost would gather inside my coat. It was 60 below. We could see the sun for about one and one-half hours and it looked very faint in the south. My feet never got cold. I wore three pairs of woolen socks and moccasins. We were always glad when spring came, when the first river boats came in they brought news and supplies. That would be about the first of June.

There is a lot of ice to go out. The ground is frozen under the river. I suppose it has been frozen for thousands of years, it must have been warm once upon a time because we found Mastodon bones down where the gold is. In the mine near the one in which I was working I found a whole skeleton of a Mastodon.

Well, I have written down a few things as it was and the way we traveled. Now there are modern ways of travel, nice passenger boats and planes.

The passenger boat from a coast town takes the inside channel, with very little open sea, to Skagway. One then takes the railroad trip thru the pass where there were over a hundred people buried under a snow slide in the spring of the gold rush. One gets to Lake Bennit about 30 miles from Skagway. Take a boat to Dawson, all the way down stream.

When I left Dawson I went back to Sweden to see my folks. I had been gone 12 years and was 30 years old. The young people had grown up and the old ones were getting older. I had a nice visit, but I wanted to get back. The biggest thrill of my life was when we were coming in to New York and I saw the Statue of Liberty.

John Nelson

GEORGE

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"George has certainly been a helpful son to you," commented a neighbor to his mother during the time that the latter was confined to her wheel chair and had to depend largely upon George for getting around.

"Well, he should be helpful. As a child he was more trouble to me than several of the others."

Mother Nyman's reply was meant to be facetious but it was reminiscent of George's childhood years when he was a delicate boy, unable to do much work. He recalls with appreciation the times that his older sisters, especially Laura, helped him with some of the tasks that were too heavy for him. George was the fourth of the Nyman dozen, the oldest of the boys. At age 16 he had an operation, after which he grew and gained strength. He says that he was "puny" until age 16, but "extra strong" by the time he was 18.

As did the other Nymans, George attended school at nearby district #4. Later he taught school four days when Ellen, who taught the home district that year, had the mumps. A director told him, "Take an examination and get yourself a teachers' certificate, and you can have the school next year." George was interested in farming, not teaching.

He farmed with his father until he was 25, then bought a 120-acre farm from his father. He rented additional land from a neighbor for thirteen years. In 1918 he bought a school house which he moved to his farm and rebuilt into an attractive residence. He batched a good deal of the time. Sometimes he hired a couple for housekeeping and farm work.

George was appreciated by his family, church and acquaintances for his kindliness, wit, Christian attitude , and his interest in people. Once when called "a homely philosopher" in an introduction, he said, "The homely part is right." Others have referred to him as a "homespun" philosopher."

Even the youngsters recognize George's ready answers, as shown by Richard, who refused pay after "helping" George with some task. When George persisted with, "On judgment day when I'm asked. 'Why didn't you pay Richard?' what can I say," he received the reply, "I don't know, but you'll think of something."

At one time a fellow-batchelor poured out his soul of bitterness against women to George and received the reply, "As long as there's one worthy man left in the world, there is also one worthy woman. If you are that worthy man you can find that woman. The law allows you only one, you find her."

Parents, and their sons, have come to George and thanked him for setting some youngster or ypung adult on the right path. Some young men found it posisible to start farming, to buy some needed equipment or to continue schooling because of financial assistance from George.

In 1921 George Nyman and Ethel McFadden were best man and bridesmaid at the wedding of George's brother, John, and Ethel's friend, Dollie Nielsen. Dollie's desire to be married at West Bend by the pastor who had confirmed her resulted in an opportunity for best man and bridesmaid to travel together (John and George each had a Ford roadster) from Bancroft to West Bend, and back to Algona where George was a supper guest at the McFadden home. It seems that both Ethel and George en-

joyed each other's company that day. Dollie, who must have thought they would make a good couple, said to Ethel, "Ethel, why don't you marry George?" That was the day they met. Neneteen years later they were married.

Dollie and Ethel had taught together at Bancroft one year. Ethel continued to teach there another five years. During that time she visited at John and Dollie's home and occasionally saw George there, but they did not go out together.

In 1939 Minnie Kylen decided to assist Cupid by inviting Ethel and George to supper one evening when circumstance could lead to George's taking Ethel home afterwards. They began seeing each other more frequently after that. On May 18, 1940 they were married by the Rev. R. Swanson at the Swea City Lutheran Church. John and Dollie were their attendants, a return favor.

Ethel was the first daughter, the second of eleven children, of Sara and J. F. Mc Fadden. She was born near London, Ontario, Canada. Her father was Irish and her mother was Scotch-Irish. Ethel recalls her mother's saying that Grandma Mc Fadden never spoke an unkind word and was as good a person as ever lived - a worthy tribute from a daughter-in-law who had shared her home for several years after marriage.

When Ethel was three, the family moved to Jewell, Iowa, and when she was six they moved to Algona.

Ethel was graduated from high school in Algona and attended Teachers College in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and four summer terms at the University of Colorado at Boulder, besides earning credits in correspondence work at the University of Iowa. She took State Teachers' Exams in Iowa and taught there until her marriage, with the exception of two years when she taught at Austin, Nevada.

Ethel and George, both members of large families, had somewhat similar backgrounds in many respects and have had much in common, including Christian principles and a sense of humor. Ethel was active in the Methodist Church until her marriage, when she joined the Lutheran Church with George.

Both have gone out of their way to help and encourage young people in good living. Ethel especially enjoyed teaching seventh and eighth graders. When others told two little girls at Swea City that they might harm Ethel and George's apple tree by climbing in it, George said, "Let them climb. We can plant another tree if needed."

After fifteen years of married life they had become so much one that when friends at Dallas were speaking of nationalities, Ethel slipped, "Oh, we're Swedes."

George has always been interested in Coop associations and in Church activities. He served as deacon and as trustee at Immanuel L Lutheran in Bancroft and at Swea City, as a director, while a member of the township school board, and as chairman of the following boards: Lone Rock Elevator (20years), Shipping Association, Swea City, and Citizens Oil Co., Swea City.

Ethel has been active in church and community affairs. She has taught Sunday school for a number of years, served as Sunday school and as church organist at several places and has held positions in the W. M. S. and the A. L. C. W. She does considerable sewing and fancywork and has won prizes at fairs with her sewing and cooking.

After spending seven years on the farm near Bancroft, George and Ethel rented out their farm and moved to Swea City, in December 1947. In January 1950 and again in 1951, they visited George's nephew, Arthur

Pearson, and family at Dallas, Texas. In February, 1951, they moved into the new parsonage at 3742 Almazan Drive, Art and family staying in the Caillet Street house until school was out in June. In March, Ethel started work as a proof-reader at Taylor Publishing Co. in Dallas, continuing this work during the winter and spring months through 1956, when she received her five year service pin.

Before George and Ethel left Dallas in April 1951, they purchased a small house and five acres just west of Irving, a suburb of Dallas. In 1953 they traded for a larger house on a one-acre lot across the street. At present they live in this home from September through May, spending the other three months at Swea City or traveling.

Although George and Ethel do not have children of their own, they have the largest family of all the Nymans. By virtue of genuine interest, they can count all neices and nephews as belonging to their family. They are the beloved "Uncle George and Aunt Ethel" to these, to fellow-members of the Walnut Hill Lutheran Church in Dallas, and to many others.

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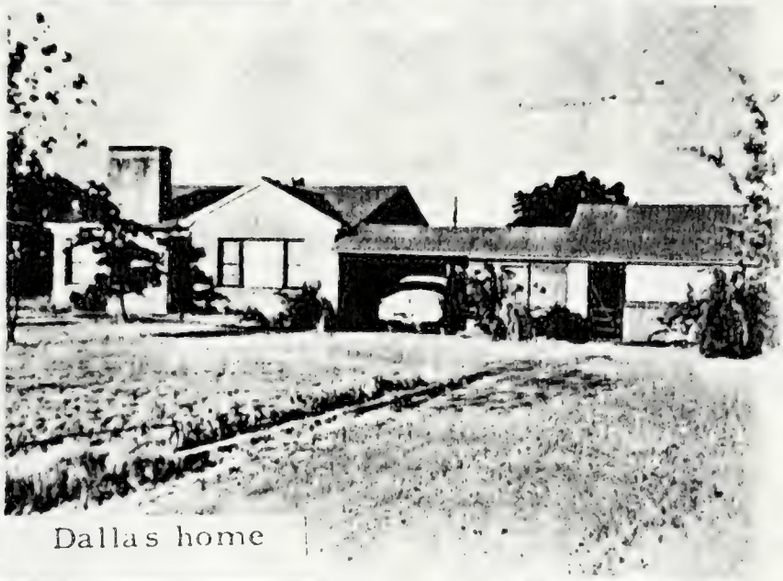

Dallas home

Iowa farm

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George Nyman

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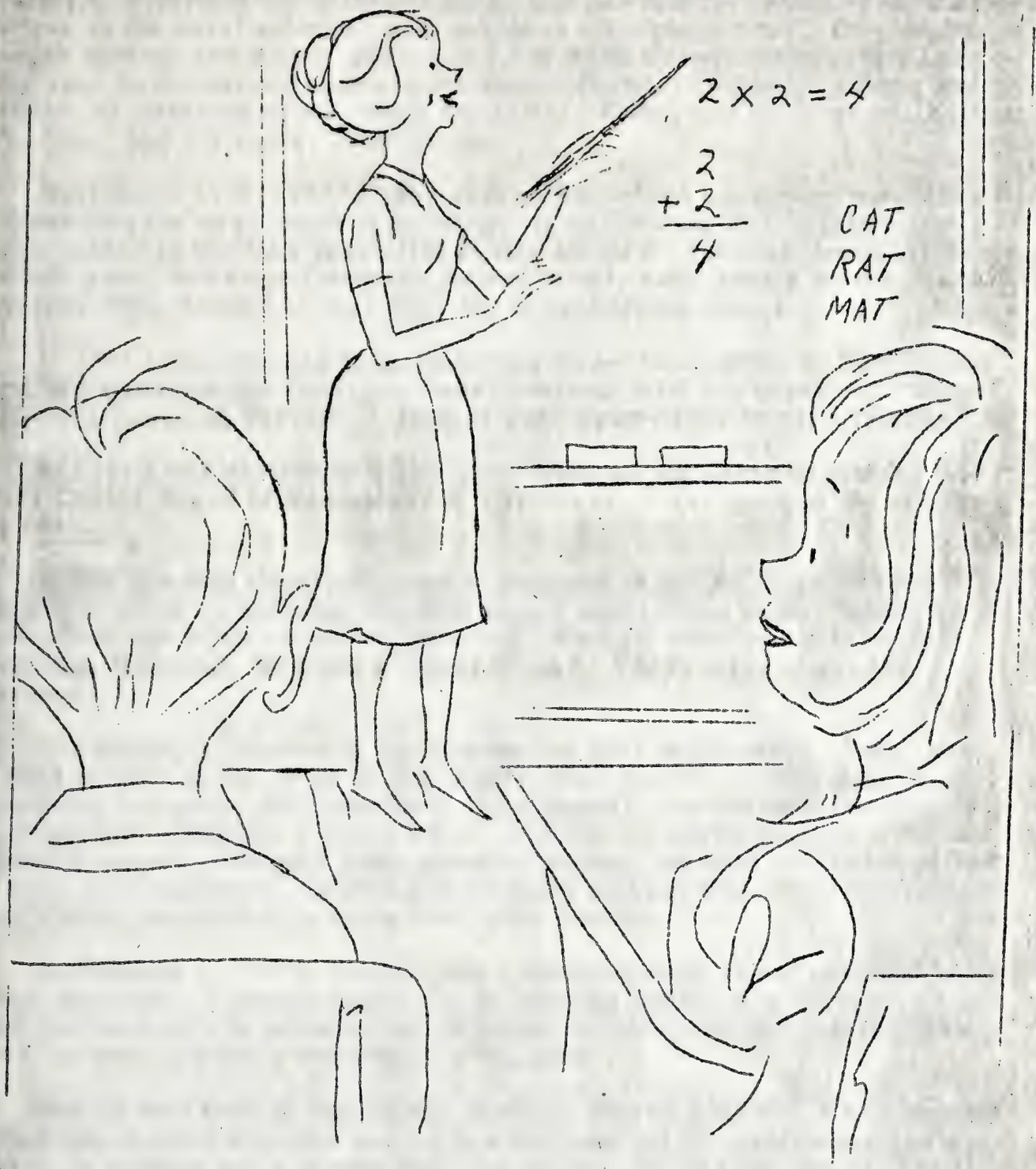
Ethel McFadden



ELLEN

I taught school from 1908 to 1920, with the exception of one year when I took care of my sister, Laura, and her family. Most of my teachin was in the rural schools, with pupils in all eight grades. One year I taught seventh and eighth grades in Lone Rock Consolidated School, and one year in the same grades in the Bancroft Public School. Among my pupils, at different times, were my sister, Edna, and my nephew, Arthur Pearson, and my niece, June Nelson.

During the 1916-1917 holiday season the school equipment was transferred into the new, modern building. It was during this vacation that I took Esther to the lung specialist at Des Moines. I did not teach the next school year, but stayed with the Nelson family until John's sister, Lena, arrived from Sweden to take over the housekeeping duties.

In 1914 I attended the Iowa State Teachers' Convention at Des Moines, and had a part on the rural teachers' program with my paper on, "More Efficient Teaching Service." Mother accompanied me to visit friends.

In 1919 I was elected to a five year term on the newly organized Kossuth County Board of Education (6 members). I resigned in the autumn of 1921.

At the Kossuth County Teachers' Institute in the summer of 1912 I won first prize in spelling; the next year I won second prize, losing by two words out of 50 to Helen Behrman. We both received gold medals, and Olga Behrman received a silver medal. There were about 150 teachers.

One Sunday afternoon in the summer of 1911 my brother, John, and I went to visit at the home of our sister, Ida, and her family near Burt. They had company, Mr. and Mrs. John Hedval, and the latter's nephew, George Carl Johnson, a young Swede who did not speak English without a decided accent. We paid little attention to him, as John and I always had a good time together. George did not know at first that we were brother and sister, supposing us to be very good friends.

On October 31, 1919, George and I were married at my parents' home near Bancroft. I wanted Mother to be present when I was married as she had not been able to witness the marriage of her other daughters. She was present at Edna's wedding in 1933, also.

George was born in Halmstad, Sweden, March 3, 1890. When he was three years old his family moved to a farm called Bolunda, near Halmstad. A brother and a sister still live there. He was the son of Johan Johansson and his wife, Anna Kaspberg, and had three brothers and four sisters. A married sister lived in South Dakota and Iowa a few year, returning to Sweden in 1930.

We have six children: Evans Quentin (born on Sunday); Lois Loretta (born on Monday); Viola Fern (Tuesday); Verda Mae (Wednesday); Irene LaVonne (Thursday); and Wanda Naydine (Friday). The children were baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Bancroft. Evans and Lois first attended the Baptist Sunday School as there were so few children in our congregation that no Sunday School was conducted. They

ELLEN

There were seven girls in our family, "three big girls", "just Ellen" and "three little girls". That is how we were classified. For about nine years I was little sister, then the three little girls came and I was middle sister, or "just Ellen". Now for over thirty years I have been "older sister", quite a change of positions; so, sometimes I feel like a "Janus" with heads looking both ways.

My arrival was on Halloween night, October 31, 1890, at my parents' home west of Bancroft. My earliest memory is of playing on the upstairs floor joists while the main part of the house was under construction (1893), and the next memory is when the barn was built (1894). Mother told me to call the men to dinner. I called out, "Dinner is ready", but when one of the men on the roof of the barn repeated it I became shy and hid behind a pile of lumber until the men went back to work.

I went with Mother to Mankato to visit her sister Eva and family in 1895 and again in 1899. During the latter visit, my cousin, Emil Swanson, and I walked out to Sibley Park to the playground and remained until dusk, never thinking of the anxiety it was causing our mothers.

Other early memories are of seeing Father and the neighbors taking turns hauling the large cans of milk to the creamery using a lumber wagon; often times when the roads were muddy it was necessary to use four horses to pull the load. People living along the road would ask the milk hauler to bring their mail, as trips to town were not very frequent, and mail had to be called for at the Post Office.

Churning butter, in a dash churn, or later in a barrel churn, was sometimes a tedious process, but the resulting butter and buttermilk for pancakes made up for the work.

It was such fun to spend a week-end at the home of my teacher, Hattie Hulterstrom, and play with her sister Helen. A number of years later our young people's group enjoyed many social gatherings at their home.

Mother made bread twice a week, setting the yeast in the evening and mixing the dough stiff in the morning. Once when Mother wasn't home for a few days, I made bread. In the afternoon Father remarked that the dough was not rising. How could it? The prepared yeast was still in the bowl.

I saw an automobile for the first time in 1904.

I attended rural school No. 4 of Greenwood Township until 1907, although I had completed the prescribed course of study in 1905. During the last two years the teacher coached me in several high school subjects. In the autumn of 1907 I entered Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, taking an entrance examination. I remained there four quarters, then began teaching in a rural school shortly after my eighteenth birthday. Later I studied at Iowa State College in Ames during one term.

continued to attend the Baptist Bible School each summer. In 1929 Lois received a Bible for having been the first to memorize the Books of the Bible.

George had attended school in Sweden until he was confirmed, then at the age of fourteen he began working on a farm; two years later he began to do carpentry work. In 1909 he worked in a creamery in Halmstad for a few months. He came to the United States in April 1910. After visiting his aunt, Mrs. John Hedval, at Bancroft a short time, he returned to New York City where he worked as a carpenter. He then spent several months in Rockford, Illinois, working at the Nelson Piano factory. After returning to Bancroft in 1912 he did mason work, until he went into the general contracting business in 1914. Many farm buildings in the country were built by him and his crew.

George was drafted into the United States Army and left for Camp Gordon, Georgia, on July 24, 1918 with the largest group ever to leave Kossuth County. After one month's training this group left from Hoboken, N. J., and landed at Brest, France. My brother, James, was in this division. They were stationed at Fort Bongaine. George was hospitalized for ten days upon arrival, so did not go towards the front with his company. He remained at camp and was engaged in building barracks in the rest camp which would accommodate 80,000 men. The American soldiers who were released from hospitals were sent there during their convalescence. There were forty-six carpenters in the company to which George was attached, and each carpenter had charge of twenty-four German prisoners who assisted with the work. When the Armistice was signed, Nov. 11, 1918, all the soldiers in the camp were given leave, so Brest was full of soldiers that night. George came home from France on the George Washington, which landed at Hoboken, N. J. on March 25, 1919. He received his discharge at Camp Dodge, Iowa, on April 5, 1919. George received his final citizenship papers in Algona, Iowa, in November, 1919.

When Evans was six months old, I contracted scarlet fever. In a day or so Evans had it also. Lillian and Edna were staying with us in Bancroft and attending high school. We four were quarantined in, and George "quarantined" out from the middle of November until December 23, 1920. Thus, the girls were able to go home for Christmas. Mrs. G. A. Pearson had provided us with a bountiful dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

Though my case of scarlet fever had not been so severe as the others it left me with rheumatism which has hindered my activities in varying degrees ever since. In October 1944, I became bedridden with arthritis and rheumatism for a year and a half, then I began using a wheel chair, although it took the assistance of two people to get me there. After a few months I was able to manage alone.

Irene had taken over a great deal of the housekeeping duties and my

care, as she had quit high school. With the help of Verda and Wanda, the job was well done. I used the wheel chair in lessening degrees until the spring of 1949, when we moved to Foley, Minnesota, and the chair (the same one Mother had used so long) was accidentally left behind. Leaving a neighborhood you have called home for over fifty years is not an easy task.

From 1919-1929 we had lived a block from main street in Bancroft, then we moved to the west part of town where we had a larger house and five acres of land. Here we raised some hay and corn, and kept chickens, pigs, and cows; the children delivered milk to several customers.

George always had a desire to do farming, so on March 7, 1949, we moved to a 160 acre farm which we had purchased near Foley, Minnesota. The first year we were here August and Verda Brandt, and daughter Luan, were partners in our business venture. After a year the partnership was dissolved and Brandts returned to Titonka, Iowa.

Since the spring of 1954 Kermit and Wanda have made their home with us, as our house is large enough to accommodate a number of people. It is said one does not grow old in the companionship of children, so it is good to have Wanette and Karlyn with us.

George is happier and more satisfied with life on the farm than he was in the construction business. He has built three houses, and remodeled others, also farm buildings since moving to this farm.

We did not move into an entirely strange community as Aunt Eva and her three married children and grandchildren lived a few miles from us. Also, my sister, Lillian, and family lived a dozen miles away. We knew no other aunt than Aunt Eva until Aunt Mary and cousin Hilma Nordstrom visited us in 1920. At that time Mother had not seen her sister Mary for 38 years. We were privileged to have Aunt Eva stay with us for several weeks at a time on two occasions after we moved here. She had an excellent memory and we enjoyed her reminisceses of pioneer life in Kansas, Iowa, and Minnesota.

George has, to his knowledge, only one relative in this country, a cousin, Esther Hedval Kuchenbecker of Elbow Lake, Minnesota. I am thankful we were a large family and I have so many relatives, all of whom he has accepted. My relatives have shown me many kindnesses and given me much pleasure. Thank you one and all.

- Ellen

George and Ellen are, always have been, members of the Lutheran Church. George is a member of the American Legion. Activities: reading, building, farming, playing with grandchildren.

Ellen has taught Sunday School, served as leader of Junior Mission Society, president of Women's Missionary Society, member of Kossuth County Board of Education, secretary-treasurer and president of the Greenwood Cemetery Association. Hobbies and other activities: reading, writing letters, keeping scrapbooks, sewing, serving as secretary-treasuerer for George's business.

EVANS

Evans Quentin was born on Sunday morning, June 13, 1920, at Bancroft. His earliest interest was for horses, and he would often go to the lumber yard nearby and ride with the drayman delivering lumber and freight. He graduated from the Bancroft Public High School, worked on a farm one summer, assisted his father in general construction work for awhile, then was employed at Welp's Hatchery at Bancroft, part of his work being to take semi-truck loads of live poultry to Chicago, making the trip twice a week for some time.

On August 5, 1942, Evans was inducted into the Army, going to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Camp Crowder, Missouri, went on maneuvers in Tennessee and Alabama, was stationed at various camps in California. He was in the Military Police Division. He was discharged from the Army at Fort Wayne, Indiana, in February, 1946.

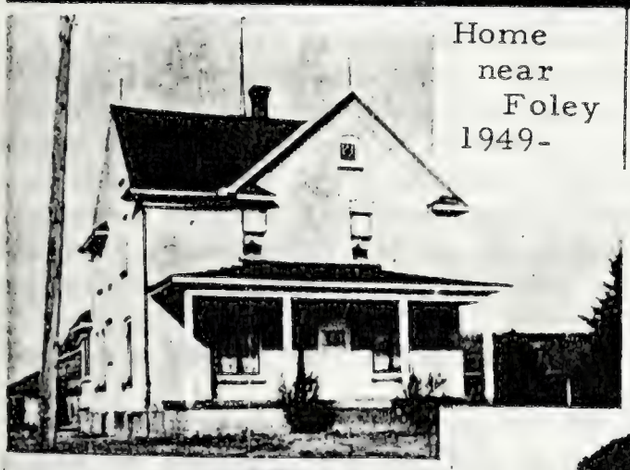
Evans returned to his job at Welp's Hatchery and in March 1947 moved to the Welp Experimental Farm near Swea City. He managed this farm, which included general farming, livestock, trap-nesting hens, tending incubators and caring for growing chicks. He continued there until 1953. He also worked at Smith's Hatchery in Swea City. At present he is employed at the Elmore Nursery at Elmore, Minnesota. His hobbies are reading, radio and roller skating.

On December 6, 1946, Evans was married to Lois Helen Babbitt at Garrett, Indiana. They had met through mutual friends while he was stationed at Fort Wayne. At that time Lois was employed at the General Electric factory at Fort Wayne. She was born at Garrett, Indiana, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Babbitt. Lois was a graduate of the Garrett Public Schools. She was affiliated with the Presbyterian Church there until coming to Bancroft and Swea City, where she attended the Lutheran Church with her husband and sons. Lois has been employed at a sewing factory, besides doing home sewing and embroidery as a hobby. Her chief interest is homemaking.

Identical twin sons, David Louis and Donald Carl, were born in the Algona Hospital July 28, 1948, each weighing less than five pounds. David was taken home a few days earlier than Donald, and has always maintained a better weight than Donald. Both were delicate and required a great deal of loving care, besides special diets. When they were about a year and a half old it became noticeable that they thought alike. Many times they

Evans
1927

Above: Johnson home 1919-29
Below: Johnson home 1929-49



Home
near
Foley
1949-

Evans
as Tom Thumb,
1925.
Upper right:
Ellen & George,
bride & groom;
Esther & James,
attendants.
Bottom: Evans
with prizewinning
Guernsey heifer;
Donald &
David.

Ellen, 1921

Donald

JESSE OBER
SCHOOL DAYS 1958-59

David

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SCHOOL DAYS 1958-59

Evans & Lois
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have been observed doing or saying the same thing at the same time. They are interested in their school work and, following modern methods, are in different rooms and classes, which is an advantage. They like swimming, fishing, baseball and taking short bicycle trips.

LOIS

Lois Loretta Johnson was born at Bancroft, Iowa, November 21, 1921. She was graduated from Bancroft High School in May, 1939. She was a member of the 4-H Club for about three years. She held many offices in high school - president of the senior class, of the Student Body and of the Athletic Club. She was co-captain of the basketball team. She was a valuable member of the girls' basketball team. In the Bancroft-Titonka game in 1938 the score was 21 to 15 in favor of Bancroft, with Lois making all but two of the 21 points.

Lois was an employee at Carmean's Drug Store during the summer of 1939. In September, 1939, she entered Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, for a year's pre-nursing course, with the intention of entering Iowa Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Des Moines in 1940. Due to illness and loss of time from studies, she discontinued this course in 1941 and returned home. She was again employed at Carmean's until she left for work at Washington, D. C., in June of 1942. Lois worked as a Special Agent in the Agriculture Division of the Census Bureau from June until November, 1942, when that job was completed. Uncle Carl was her boss and Lois says, "He's the best boss in the whole world."

"After those six months in Washington, I had no desire to leave the place so took a Civil Service test and was asked to work in the Business Division of the Census Bureau. The funny part about it was that I had taken a Typist test and flunked, but passed the Junior Clerk test, making me eligible. I guess I was nervous with the other 100 or so typewriters banging away when I took that first exam, but it all turned out well as I was hired as a typist and made good bread and butter money for three years. The raises came thru periodically and when I left the Census Bureau in December, 1950, I was a grade 4 Statistics Clerk.

"My years in Washington are most memorable and I am sorry that we moved away. I ran sort of a sightseeing bureau of my own, taking many out of town friends, including servicemen from home, to all the famous historic places. I probably made 25 or more complete excursions to Mt. Vernon, Lee's Mansion, the Capitol, etc. and it was fun. I enjoyed the band concerts on the Capitol Lawn by the Air Force, Navy and Marine Bands. At Constitution Hall I heard Margaret Truman, Lily Pons, Nelson Eddy and many others sing. 'Saw the first piano quartet, but the nicest of all was when Aunt Lila and I sat on the stage when the famous violinist, Fritz Kreisler played. For several years I tried to join the National Geographical Society but the membership was closed. However, I did attend many of their travel talks at Constitution Hall. How did I manage? I went

down and hung around the ticket office until some member came along and turned in a ticket and then I would pay 50cents and get to see the evening's program.

"I was a member of the Augustana Lutheran Church of which Rev. Clarence T. Nelson is pastor. His wife is the former Ruth Youngdahl and they are two fine people, let me tell you. One year I was corresponding secretary of the Luther League.

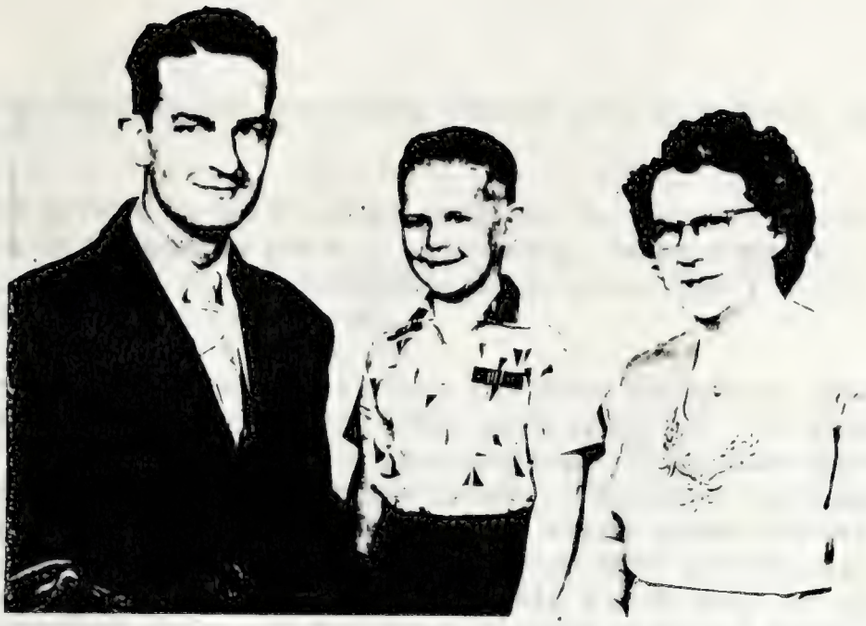
"I met Robert Walter Cunico in June, 1948, at a blind date arranged by a Bancroft serviceman who was stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, just outside the District of Columbia. Over a cup of coffee and a piece of cake at the friends house that night, Bob declared he was going to marry me. We were married at the Augustana Lutheran Church in Washington, January 31, 1949, by Rev. Nelson. Bruce Nyman was best man. Since neither of our folks could be there we decided not to have a big wedding, just attendants and a few friends. Rev. Nelson had just flown in from Minneapolis and was late because of bad weather. When we arrived at church it was dark, but we found a back door open and, with the help of a cigarette lighter, Bob found the light switches. All our guests came in the back door too. We had a wonderful dinner at Carl and Lila's afterwards.

" Bob was born July 25, 1926, at Marseilles, Illinois. He is the son of Chris and Luella Cunico. Bob and his four brothers were in the service at the same time. Bob served in the Navy aboard the carrier U.S.S. Independence, in the Pacific Campaign, from July, 1943, to January, 1946. During this time he was in nine major battles. In February, 1947, he joined the Air Force. He received his jet mechanic training at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois, and was then stationed at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, in the 334th Fighter Group 4th Fighter Group. In February, 1949, he left for two months maneuvers of jet aircraft training in Arctic weather operations at Anchorage, Alaska. He received his discharge in February, 1950, and began work in Farm Insurance Division, Agriculture Department in Washington. He worked there until October, 1949, when he decided he'd rather live in Illinois. He worked for Owens-Illinois Glass Company for one year and then went to work for Caterpillar Tractor Co. at Joliet in November, 1951, as an inspector, which position he still holds.

"Steven Duane Cunico was born in Ryburn Hospital at Ottawa, Illinois, October 17, 1951. He stands a good chance of being 6' 7" as his father is, for he is now 4'7½" tall. Steven is very jealous of anyone who gets a new baby. As an only child he leads a lonesome life, for there are many times when "there's nobody to play with." Steven is very friendly and I don't believe he ever knew a stranger for everyone is his friend.

"Kenneth Robert Cunico was born prematurely September 1, 1953, and lived for a period of seven hours. He weighed 4 lbs. 2 oz. Three other children were lost prematurely. Kenneth died September 2, 1953. Autopsy report showed undeveloped lungs and kidneys.

"We are members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Marseilles. Last year Lois was secretary of the congregation but with all men on the



Robert, Steven and Lois Cunico. 1955

Below: Viola and Albert Karels, May 1945.
Right: Karels children, 1957.
Bottom, left: Karen Karels with Bambi, 1957.

Bottom right: left to right as faces appear: Wesley, Randal, Viola with Brent, Wendy, Bert, Karen, Bryan, Bruce.

Board she thought the secretary should also be a man, so now Bob has the office."

Lois serves as an election judge in the city elections. She works part time at a dry cleaning plant - checking, inspecting and bagging clothes. Bob is a member of the American Legion and the V. F. W. Lois is a member of the V. F. W. Auxiliary.

For the past three years Bob has been Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 94, the Nautilus. This group includes boys from 14 - 18 years of age. They are interested in boating and seamanship. They have their weekend camping trips and trips to the Great Lakes. The boys must earn their own money which they have done by having scrap paper drives, bake sales, skating parties, car washes, etc. They have purchased a 25' cruiser and motor, and have two small motor boats which they salvaged and repaired. A year ago last summer they spent a week with the Navy on Great Lakes. The boys had a car wash to earn money for the Skipper's salary, as he could not afford to lose a week from work. The crew includes 20 boys at present, but has been as high as 46 boys. In February, 1958, Bob made plans and arrangements for 610 Scouts and Parents' annual Blue and Gold Dinner. At the banquet he also gave credit to the "Admiral - his wife." The Sea Scouts get five dollars a year from each of the forty-five merchants for displaying their flags on given holidays. They store the flags in their club rooms. 'A fine thing for all concerned. Previously many places didn't fly flags because of the bother, or because they were out of town on those days.

In addition to his Sea Scouts interest, Bob loves music. He plays trumpet and piano by ear. He was president of the Dramatics Club in high school.

Lois' main hobby is reading. She has retained her high school interest in basketball. She loves music, but not "real long haired."

Steven is interested in basketball and swimming. He wants a garden but has no room for it at present. He has planted some flowers. After seeing "The Ten Commandments ", he said he wanted to go to Egypt so he could see where God and Moses had been. His mother lists his occupation as, "Play and get dirty" - a typical growing boy.

VIOLA

Viola Fern, the second daughter in the Johnson family, was born October 28, 1924. One evening a few days later she cried and cried. Her father came in from the garage and held her until she stopped crying. When he put her down, she started again. The doctor came; diagnosis - baby is too warm.

Viola was always careful about taking care of her new possessions, and she was always the one to see that necessary supplies were taken a-

long for the younger children on any trip or visit. Viola attended the Baptist Bible School every summer for several years, the church being in the same block as the Johnson home. She was also active in 4-H work.

A favorite subject was Home Economics, and she did very well at sewing, making her own spring suit in her Junior year. Her greatest sewing accomplishment was making her sister Verda's wedding dress.

Albert, son of John and Dena Karels of Bancroft, and Viola sat side by side in class all through high school and never paid much attention to each other until two months before their graduation in 1942. Albert played baseball and basketball in high school. He displayed talents for mechanics, which have been further developed.

After graduation, Viola was employed at the Carmean Drug Store until September 1943 when she went to Washington, D. C. There she was employed as a file clerk in the Census Bureau. She and her sister, Lois, lived with their Uncle Carl Nyman for several months, then had living quarters in S. E. Washington.

Albert attended Sheet Metal School in Minneapolis the fall after graduation, after which he was employed in the Naval Yard at San Francisco, until he entered the armed forces on March 22, 1943. After being at Camp Buckner, N.C. , he was transferred to Aviation Training at Miami Beach, Florida, then to the Army Air Base at Pueblo, Colorado. Here he completed training as a nose gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber, after which he left for overseas duty, serving with the 8th Air Force in England for nine months. This was the oldest group in England and held a record for number of missions flown over Europe, having completed over 250 missions over Germany and enemy occupied territory. Bert flew 35 missions over Germany. On his second mission ground flak knocked out No. 2 engine. A piece of shrapnel went through the nose turret. Bert thought he had really been hit in the leg, concussion was so great, till he got his flight suit off and found his leg had just been scratched.

Bert was awarded the Air Force Medal for meritorious achievement, Good Conduct Medal and the European Theatre of Operations ribbon with bronze campaign stars for five major engagements. He returned from overseas duty late in April, 1945.

On May 12, 1945 Viola and Bert (Staff Sergeant Albert H. Karels) were married. After his furlough, Bert went to California until he received his discharge June 30, 1945. Viola continued her work with the Census Bureau until he was discharged.

They lived in Minneapolis several months, where Albert was employed. Returning to Bancroft, he was employed in Kennedys Department Store about four years, then as a Ford salesman.

When Bert's brother returned from the Korean War the two purchased a back hoe for digging in tile and water, but this was only seasonal employment, so Bert took up work in the Foundry at Le Sueur. The family remained in Bancroft. In January 1957 he purchased an improved acreage

two miles from Henderson, onto which the family moved. Now he has a Plumbing and Heating Shop in Henderson.

In June 1957 the valley below their place was flooded. Bert and the 2 older boys rescued a baby fawn. This Bambi was raised on the bottle and stayed there five months, when he disappeared, probably a hunter's victim. The children really enjoyed having him for a pet.

In August 1957 and 1958 the Nyman relatives held their family reunion at the Karels place, with more than 180 in attendance each time. These gatherings had just been commenced in 1955 when the group met at Mankato, Minnesota. No gathering was held in 1956.

The Karls have 7 children, 5 boys and 2 girls. Viola always wanted a girl to sew for, now she patches overalls.

Randal has always been interested in machinery, and could tell the names of tractors when he was only two years old. He seems to be interested in farming. He's a chip off the old block, always trying to turn a piece of junk into something useful. Randal serves as acolyte in the First Lutheran Church at Le Sueur.

Wesley underwent major surgery at Park Hospital, Mason City, Iowa when he was three weeks old. (Pylosic Stenosis)

Bryan, who would love to have a pony, spends all his spare time on the bicycle instead.

Wendy and Karen love their dolls and are forever cutting paper dolls, which doesn't help much toward a neat house.

Bruce and Wesley keep busy with their toys and playing farmers.

Brent is at the nuisance stage, climbing and getting into everything.

All of the children have been well and healthy, try to get by with the lease amount of work possible. It sometimes seems that they all try to see who can collect the most dirt. All like cowboy stories on T V, except Brent, who watches the commercials.

Viola, Albert and family were members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at Bancroft while living in I wa. Now they are members of First Lutheran at Le Sueur, where Albert serves as a Deancon

Albert is interested in wildlife and soil conservation. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. He is a member of the American Legion.

Viola's time is largely occupied in caring for her family but she also enjoys church and community activities. She sews and does embroidering.

The Nymans have enjoyed annual reunions on the spacious lawn at Viola and Bert's the past three years.

VERDA

Verda Mae Johnson, born at Bancroft, Iowa on August 4, 1926. She was an alert, adventurous child. One day when she was about three years old, her Aunt Dollie had stopped at the Johnson home before going up town. When she arrived at the store where she was to do her shopping, a man ran out to her exclaiming excitedly, "Lady, Lady, what have you on your car?" There sat Verda on the running board waving to everyone. Dollie said "No wonder the Manager of the Lumber yard waved so frantically when I passed there". How fortunate the trip was made for the short distance of a few blocks instead of out to the farm.

Mother Ellen tells us, "After we moved to the West part of Bancroft she would try doing anything, in either work or play. One day I came outside from the kitchen and looked up to see Verda on the roof. She had come out of an upstairs window and was ready to ride her Kiddie Kar on the sloping kitchen roof. With Verda it seemed every day was always more of the same. As she grew up she was a Tom Boy and always out of doors. She kept things lively."

Verda was the only girl on the High School baseball team, playing as a regular on second base, much to the envy of those boys who sat on the beach as substitutes.

The Bancroft Public School didn't have band or music so Verda rode her bicycle to St. John's School for those classes. She also took her piano and cornet lessons there. She and Lois loved to play their cornets. How did their dad ever sleep? After he'd go upstairs to bed they'd play right below him for an hour almost every evening.

Verda was the only senior in 1944. She was also working evenings in the drug store. In the summers she detassled corn, and often worked with her dad doing carpentry and any odd running for him such as to carry water for the cement mixer. She attended both Bible and 4-H camps each summer. She was always an active member in 4-H and Luther League, holding offices in each. She attended Iowa State Teachers' College and taught in two different rural schools of Kossuth County, from 1944-1948.

Verda met August Brandt, son of William and Ellen Brandt of Titonka, Iowa, at a Luther League roller skating party, in February, 1946. The Titonka and Bancroft Leagues often held skating parties together. August had said that he would meet her and had his eye on her four months earlier than she remembers him. They were married at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, November 23, 1947, by Rev. A. M. Youngquist. They took a three weeks trip trough the Western states and along the West coast. She then finished her year of teaching.

Luan, Verda and August's first child, was born on January 2, 1949. She was the first baby born in Kossuth County, Iowa, that year, so received many New Year's gifts. Their other children are: LaDene Verda, Loren August and Lennon Neil. August, Verda and their four children moved

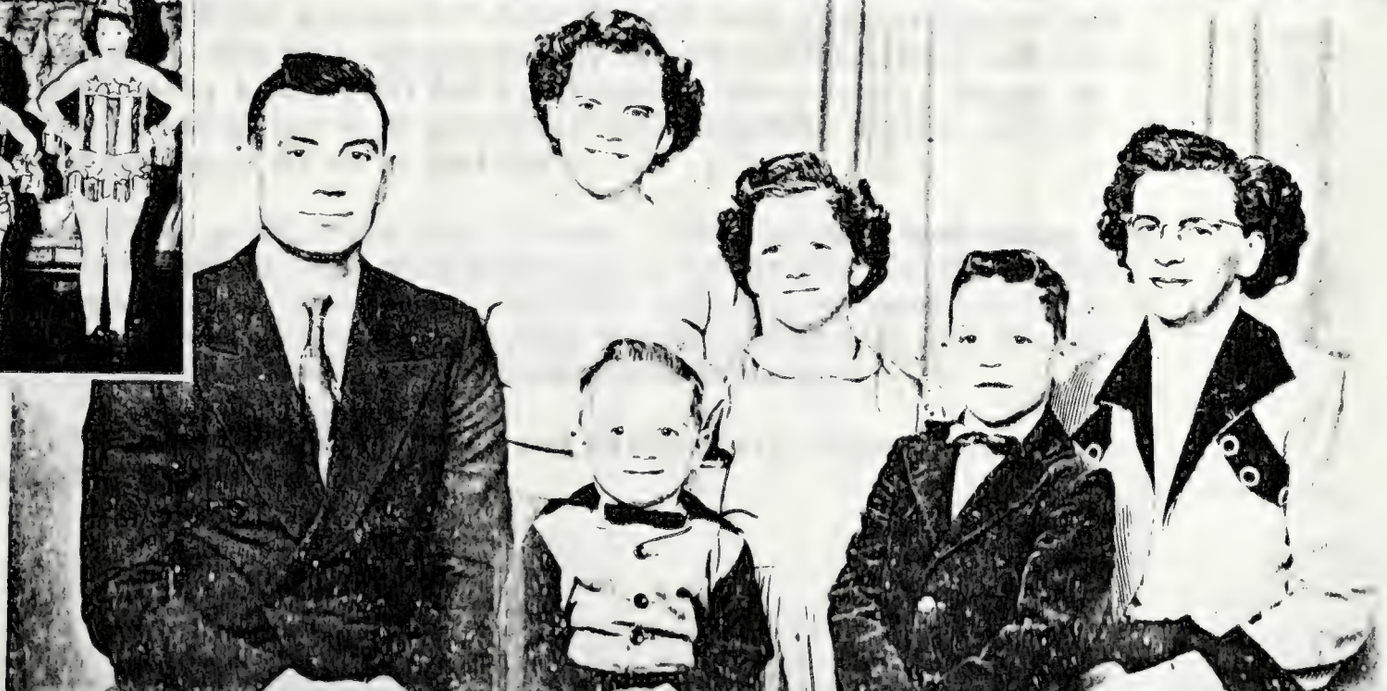




Clockwise, starting left: Verda, 2 yr.; Lois and Verda; Verda 1927; Paul & Verda: Verda, member baseball team, 1942; Verda, 1947; Verda at confirmation, 1941; Brandt home; Brandts, as faces appear left to right: August, Luan, Lennon, La-Dene, Loren, Verda, Feb. 1959; Luan & La Dene '57; Verda & August with Luan, first New Year's baby, January, 1949.







March 1, 1959, from Woden, Iowa, to their farm, which they purchased, one mile north of Swea City, Iowa.

August received his elementary education at a rural school near Titonka and completed a course in aircraft Sheet Metal at the Morton Aircraft School in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1941. He was Pfc in M. P.'s from September 25, 1942 until October 11, 1945. He spent two years in the European war theater and received the Bronze Star award, plus five battle stars.

The entire family are active members of the Lutheran church. Verda is president of the Ladies' Aid. When asked about hobbies and interests, she replied, "I like to do anything and everything but have mastered no thing, e.g., I love music, singing, piano playing, cornet, etc., but learned to play them just well enough for my own entertainment."

Luan and LaDene tap dance and Luan also plays the piano and sings in the junior choir. Once when Grandmother Ellen had occasion to speak of LaDene, she characterized her as, "quiet, self-sufficient and reliable."

They are spoken of by friends and relatives as "a mighty fine all around family."

IRENE

Irene La Vonne, born Thursday afternoon, May 1, 1928, has been known as the family Maybasket girl. Her arrival did not keep the other children from hanging May baskets that evening. Lillian, Godfrey and their son, Paul, six weeks old, came in to help fill the baskets.

Irene started walking when she was only nine months old. Her play pen was a long, narrow packing box, so it was easy for her to grasp both sides and walk along in it. A play pen was necessary to keep her from creeping over the hot floor register. When she was just past a year the family moved to the west part of Bancroft.

Irene attended the Bancroft Public School until she completed her Sophomore year. She was not especially interested in school and sometimes played hooky to baby sit for a neighbor. When school began in 1944 she remained at home to take over the household duties, as her mother was unable to do so at that time.

Mother Ellen gives Irene this tribute, "She was my chief nurse and attendant for many months, ably assisted by Verda and Wanda. Irene went with us to Foley, Minnesota, in 1949, and has remained at home as an efficient and practical helper both inside and outside the house. She is the great favorite of all the nieces and nephews."

Church, homemaking, reading and dancing are among Irene's interests and activities.

Left: Irene, 1949
Right: Irene and Wanda, 1953.
Below, left to right: Wanette, 1 yr. old, 1955; Karlyn, 1 yr. old 1957.

Below: Wanda, 1948

Bottom left: Wanette, Kermit, Wanda, Karlyn. 1959.
Bottom right, standing: Viola, Irene, Lois, Wanda, Verda. Seated: Evans, Ellen, George.
1948

WANDA

Wanda Naydine was born on Friday evening December 18, 1931, the only one of the Johnson children to be born at their residence in the west part of Bancroft. She attended the Bancroft public schools until her senior year, when the high school division of the public school was discontinued and the pupils transported by bus to Swea City, ten miles distant, where she completed her course in 1949. She also took piano lessons. While attending school at Bancroft she did many family errands and also carried mail for an elderly neighbor whom the children called "Grandma". She always had a dog and a cat for pets.

After the family moved to Foley, Minnesota, in March of 1949, Wanda stayed part time at her Aunt Edna's near Swea City and part of the time with her sister and family, the Albert Karels, at Bancroft. She was employed at the Welp Hatchery in Bancroft during the spring and summer from 1949 until 1952, then, after spending a few months at home, she had employment at Montgomery's in St. Paul and at Sears in Minneapolis until the spring of 1954.

Wanda was an active member of the Luther League and attended Bible Camp at Clear Lake, state conventions, and the national Luther League convention in Duluth in 1949.

On November 7, 1953 she was married to Kermit Hopland of Foley, at the Glendorado Lutheran Church. Kermit is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Engnor G. Hopland of Foley. He was born October 9, 1924. He is of Norwegian-Swedish descent, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Glendorado, where he was confirmed. He was active in 4-H and attended schools in Benton county and at the University of Minnesota.

In January 1945 Kermit entered the Armed Forces and served in the Pacific area of the far east, being at Okinawa and other bases there. He contracted malaria while there. He received his discharge in December 1946.

He farmed in partnership with his father, and has also farmed alone. He has been employed by the McGarry Construction Co. for eight years, operating the machine mixing the asphalt-bituminous topping for roads. He has worked on roads in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Kermit's hobbies are fishing, hunting, especially deer, photography, dancing and bowling. He is a member of the Lutheran Churchmen's Club, the Sportsman's Club, the V. F. W. and American Legion.

Wanda and Kermit have two girls, Wanette Naydine, born May 22, 1954 and Karlyn La Vonne, born July 26, 1956, both at Princeton Community Hospital. They are healthy happy little girls, who talked early and are regular chatterboxes. Karlyn likes to repeat sentences she hears Wanette use, and recites many Mother Goose rhymes. Wanette has attended Sunday school since she was three years old. Karlyn is eager to go with her.

Both girls are very fond of having stories read to them.

Kermit, Wanda and daughters made their home with Wanda's folks from 1954 until 1959. Grandma Ellen observed that Wanette's favorite companion, outside her immediate family, was Irene, and Karlyn's favorite was Grandpa George. The Hoplands moved in April 1959 to a small farm a mile from the parental Johnson home. Kermit is now farming at both places, so the girls go with him often to visit their grandparents.

JOHN

JOHN A.

John Albin Nyman was born at "Nyman Place" near Bancroft, Iowa, March 19, 1893. He attended nearby district 4 Greenwood Township school eight years, Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls two years, and took a Livestock Management course at Iowa State College in Ames.

John taught country school three years after which he farmed until 1952. He developed into an adequate blacksmith while on the farm, and now does woodworking and carpentry.

John married Dollie V. Nielsen, born at Springville, Iowa, March 21, 1896 to Chris and Minnie (nee Goodbla) Nielsen. Chris Nielsen was born at Aaborg, Denmark in 1861 and came to America in 1882. Minnie Goodbla was born near Stockholm, Sweden in 1871 and came to America when she was ten years old.

Dollie was graduated from high school at Springville, Iowa, in 1914; two year Public School Music Course at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, in 1916; one year B. D. I. at Highland Park College, Des Moines, 1917; Drawing at Cedar Falls State Teachers College, summer 1918. She taught music and drawing four years at Dows, Iowa and Bancroft, Iowa.

Quoting Dollie, "John and I met for the first time at Nels Mathsons Luther League in the fall of 1916. That was the year that Ellen taught the 8th grade in Bancroft; I was teaching music and art. We didn't start to go together until the fall of 1920. Our first date was October 10 - we went for a drive and a boat ride on Silver Lake. I got my diamond for Thanksgiving and we were married June 4, 1921.

Mavis Eileen came to join our home August 9, 1922. My health was not so good and I had an operation in July 1923. In 1926 Jack was born on October 30. How happy John was to have a son.

We were busy those years as John was director of the Lone Park Creamery and we had the secretary job which we kept for 14 years. In the meantime, in 1930 we built the barn on the farm. Both LeRoy and Arthur helped.

Vincent came in spring of 1931 and started school in the fall - he took two years in Bancroft and his last year at Lone Rock. He was with us about four years.

Mavis graduated from high school in 1939 and entered college in Iowa City University where she got her B. S. degree and graduated from nurses training 1944, where she remained and worked until 1946.

Jack in the meantime was going to school in Lone Rock until he enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and in 1945 he was on the U. S. S. SIBONEY - a flat top, and he sailed all over the South Pacific.

In 1946, a year to remember, Jack came home in August from the Navy and Mavis was married to Dale E. Herzberg. Dale works in the post office at Des Moines. They have a new home. A daughter Ardith Elaine was born October 30, 1950, and Dale Eward Jr. August 11, 1953.

Jack married Yvonne Ditsworth on October 4, 1952. He married into the family of Behrmans, with whom the Nymans had been friends for many years. Jack and Yvonne live on the farm. Johnny came to bless their home March 4, 1954.

John and I moved to Swea City in 1952 and we are very happy in our new home.

INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES, MEMBERSHIPS, etc.

John: School director, 10 years; township trustee, eight years; Board member a) Lone Rock Creamery, since 1925, b) telephone company, 17 years, c) Shipping Association, six years, d) Coop Oil Company, nine years, e) Drying Plant, fourteen years; Lutheran church deacon at both Bancroft and Swea City.

John received anniversary clock as recognition of 25 years creamery board member; was instrumental in organizing five cooperatives and, most recently, in a creamery merger called for by changing times.

Dollie: Soloist and choir member since her childhood; taught Sunday School many years and held offices in Ladies Aid, Missionary Society, etc.; at present, A. L. C. W. pianist. Before her marriage, Dollie was active in the Presbyterian church, since marriage, in the Lutheran church.

Dollie does crocheting, figurine painting and related arts. The last few years she has been interested in ceramics. Her home, as well as family and friends, have been made happier by ceramic gifts. She is also teaching piano, private lessons, at present.

MAVIS

SCHOOLING AND OCCUPATION

Graduated as valedictorian from Lone Rock High School, 1939; from State University of Iowa, with B. S. degree, 1944; R. N., 1944; Was a U. S. Cadet Nurse during her senior year at the university.

Employed two years as Assistant Director of Nurses, University Hospital, Iowa City; three years teaching Broadlawns Polk County Hospital, Des Moines (one year as Acting Director of School of Nursing); present, Homemaking.

ACTIVITIES

Has been substitute Sunday School teacher for several years (Lutheran). At present teaches Jr. Bible class. Holds various offices, on committees, etc. in Ladies Aid and school. Sang in university chorus while at the University of Iowa; area chairman for March of Dimes for past five years; has taken various courses in Adult Education - sewing, leathercraft, bridge, photography.

HUSBAND

DALE HERZBERG: born at Haifa, Iowa, February 27, 1915.

Graduate of Lamberton, Minnesota, High School; U. S. Army Airplane Mechanics School; American Technical School, Des Moines, six months.

Military service: U. S. Army 1941-1945. Sgt. U. S. Army Air Force; served 32 months overseas - England, Africa and Italy. Received Presidential Citation with two oak leaf clusters, also ETO ribbon.

Top row: John & Dolly's home in Swea City; John & Dolly, 1959.

Second row: House & barn on farm near Bancroft, presently the home of Jack, Yvonne & Johnny.

Third row: Ardith, Johnny & Dale Edward, 1955; Johnny.

Below: Dolly & Mavis, 1952; Herzberg home.

Occupation: U. S. Post Office - clerk since 1948. Postal Credit Union part time since 1953.

Memberships, Offices, etc.: Charter member in new suburban Lutheran church. Treasurer the first year, just completed three years as elder.

Interests, Activities, Hobbies: Home improvements - built garage, finished upstairs in their home. Enjoys fishing.

A very satisfying activity for both Mavis and Dale during the past four years has been membership in "Fishers of Men" - a group where couples visit homes of unchurched, and prospective church members.

CHILDREN

ARDITH: born at Des Moines, October 30, 1950.

Activities: Bluebirds, dancing, piano lessons. Enjoys reading and is in accelerated reading group at school.

DALE EDWARD, Jr.: born at Des Moines, August 11, 1953.

JOHN C. (Jack)

SCHOOLING AND OCCUPATION

John Chris, known as Jack, is a graduate of Lone Rock High School and the G. I. Farm Training School. He has farmed the home place since 1952.

MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES

Immanuel Lutheran Church - usher, deacon. American Legion, Red Cross solicitor, Soil conservation - appointed commissioner for term of six years.

Hobbies: water skiing, boating, hunting, fishing, swimming, bowling, roller skating; welding, tools.

Interests: Contour farming, farm improvements, hogs, cattle.

WIFE

RUTH YVONNE DITSWORTH, daughter of Russell and Ruth Ditsworth, born at Swea City, Iowa, September 24, 1934.

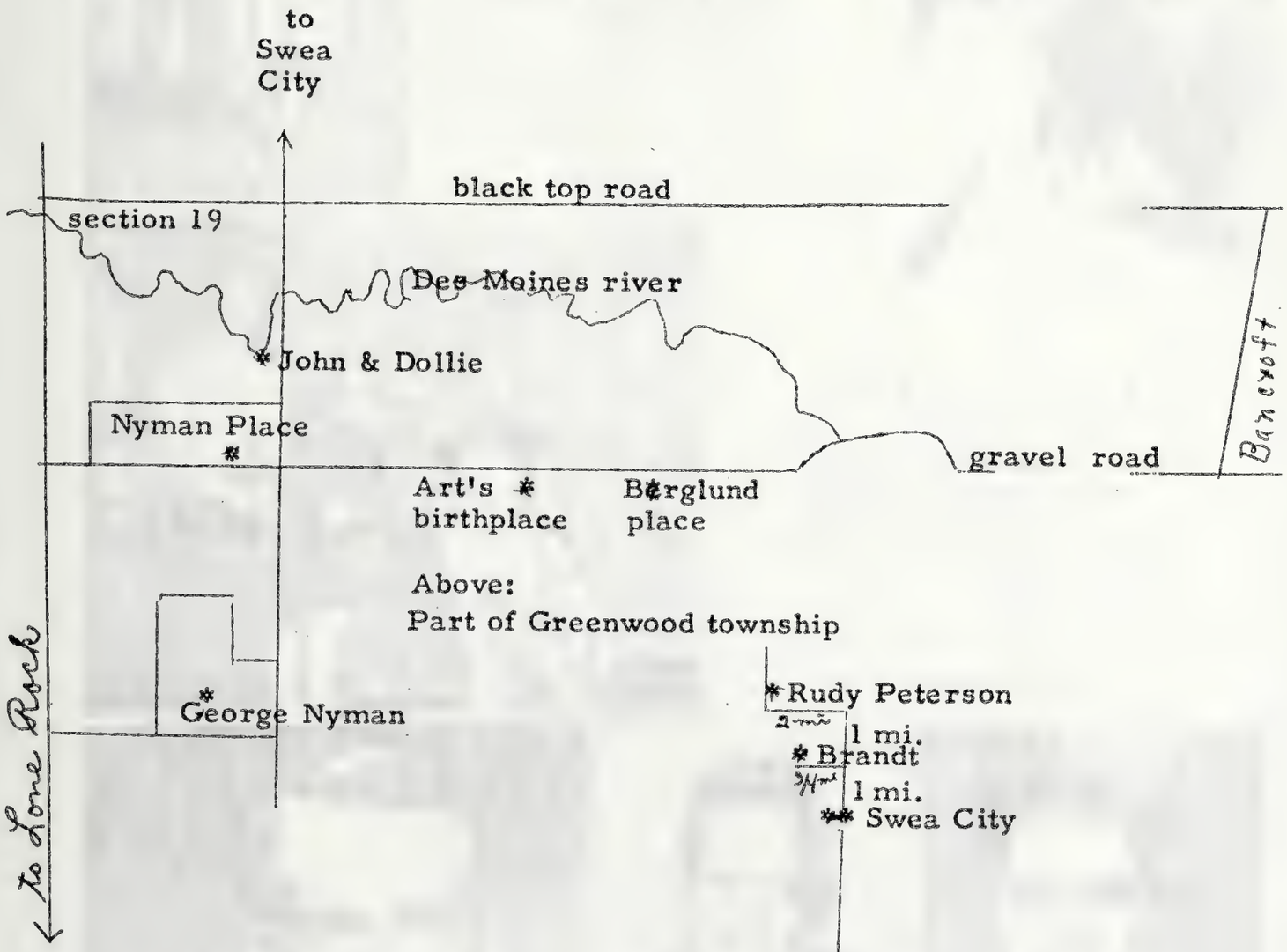
Graduated from Burt High School and attended Drake University at Des Moines one year.

Before marriage was bookkeeper at Consolidated Coop Creamery at Whittemore, Iowa. Now, homemaker.

Memberships and Activities: Immanuel Lutheran Church - organist ten years; president and other offices - Mission Aid and Luther League. Hobbies - water skiing, boating, bowling, roller skating. Talents - piano, organ, saxophone (concert band and tour while at Drake University), accompanist for Kossuth County Women's Chorus for four years. Graduated from St. John's School of Music (ten years), Bancroft, Jr. and Sr. Recitals given.

CHILDREN

JOHN RUSSELL: born at Algona, Iowa, March 4, 1954.



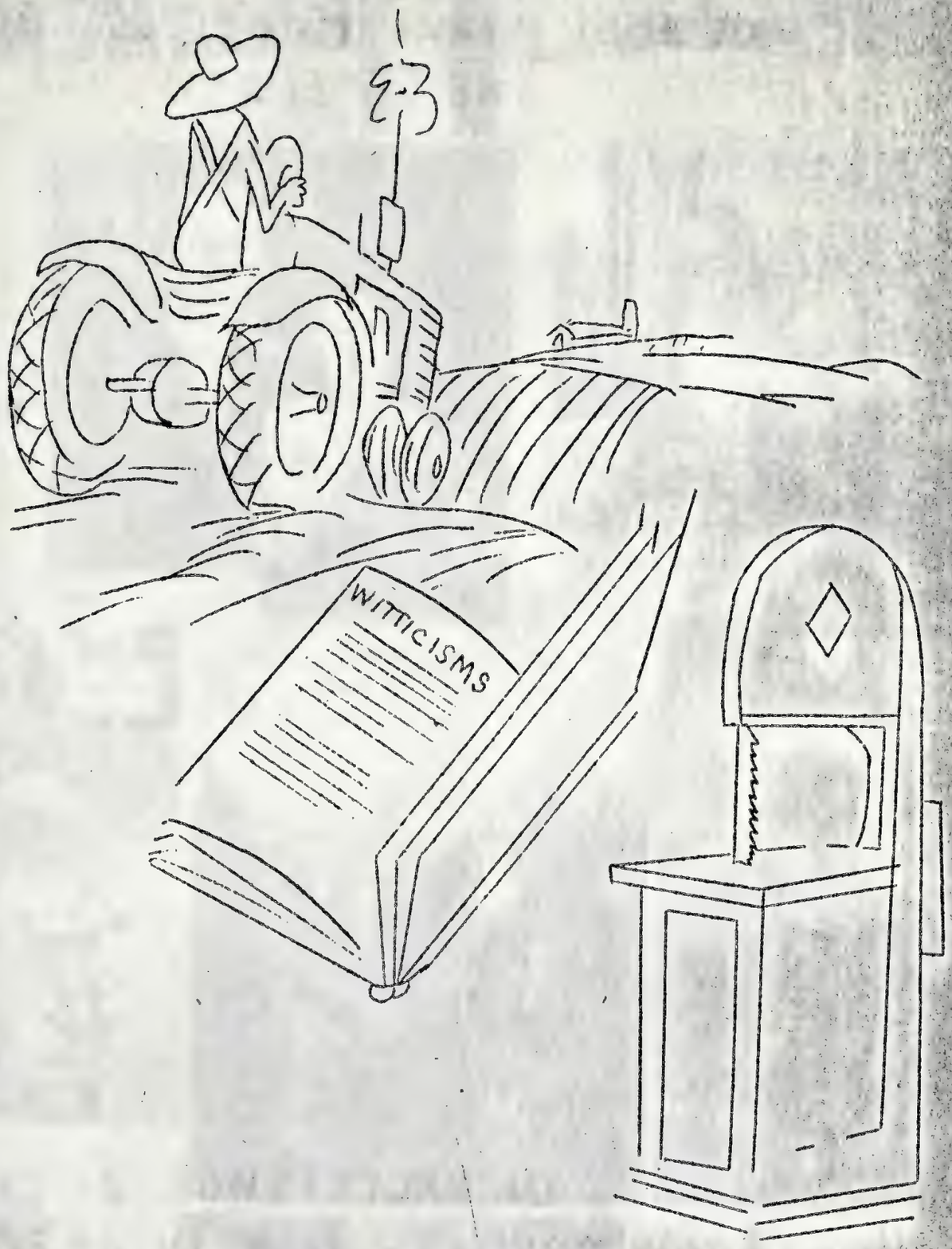
Above, John Nyman's signature.

Below:

Jack &
Mavis

Above: Mavis, 1944.
Above, right: Mavis &
Dale, 1958.
Right: Ardith & Dale
Edward, 1958.

Left: Yvonne, Jack &
Johnny, 1957.
Lower, left: Jack, 1946.
Below: Johnny, 1958.
Lower, right:
Yvonne, 1951.



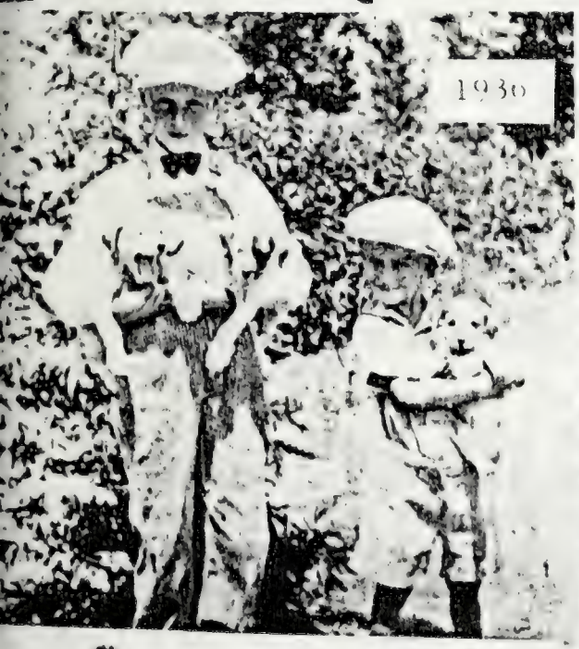
JAMES

February 1945

May 9, 1923

Wayne, 6 yr.
Dale, 1 yr.

Wayne, Dale, James, Alice
May 9, 1943



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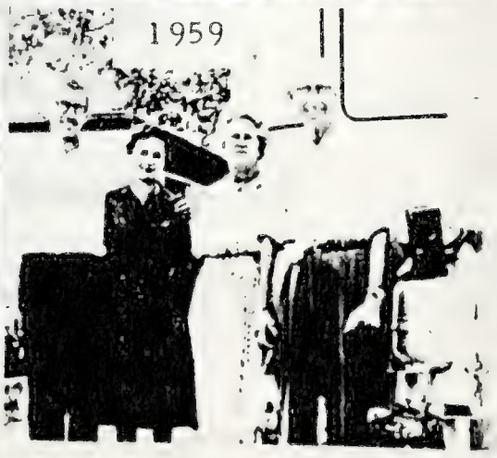
Boy Scout Dale
Sgt. Wayne
Pvt. James

1953



1959

JAMES

James Peter Nyman, the seventh child and third son of the children of John and Emma Nyman was born March 24, 1895, Greenwood Township, Kossuth County, Iowa.

James was baptized in May, 1895, and confirmed June, 1911, in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bancroft, Iowa, by Rev. C. G. Lundell. James grew up on his father's farm already known as "Nyman Place" established in 1884, located five miles west of Bancroft. He attended country school Dist. No. 4 in Greenwood Township and graduated from the eighth grade in 1910. James enrolled at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, in September, 1911, and graduated from the two year "Course in Agriculture" with a major in "Farm Operations" in June, 1913 - then returned to the home farm. On July 25, 1918, James entered U. S. Army Military Service at Algona, Iowa, and received Infantry Training at Camp Gordon, Georgia, served "Over Seas" from August 31, 1918, to April, 1919, with "Army of Occupation" through France, Luxembourg, and Germany, stationed the longest period of time at Coblenz, Germany. He returned to the U. S. in May, 1919, and was honorably discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa, May, 1919, and returned to the farm home where he continued farming together with his older brother, John. In March, 1923, James became the owner of his father's farm, having purchased it from him at that time.

As a young boy at home, James was the witty one. He and his younger sister, Esther, were considered by the family as the outstanding personalities. James had a talent for memorizing poetry and reciting it at divers times and places to the amusement of all around him.

On May 9, 1923, James was married to Alice Peterson at Litchfield, Minnesota, and thus began the second generation of Nymans on what was long since known as the old "Nyman Place". Two sons were born to James and Alice, they are Wayne Lewis, born in 1926, and Dale James, born in 1931 - more about them later in our story.

During the fifty-five years that James lived on the farm, he was active in church and community affairs. In his younger years, he held various offices in the Luther League and later in the Lutheran Brotherhood and church council of the Immanual Lutheran Church. He was a charter member of the American Legion Mckinnon Post No. 377, Bancroft, Iowa.

On May 9, 1948, James and Alice celebrated their Silver Wedding and Twenty-fifth Anniversary at their farm home.

In March, 1950, their oldest son, Wayne, took over the farm-

ing responsibilities and rented "Nyman Place" from his father, James, and on September 2, 1950, (the same year) Wayne was married to Marjorie Nelson of Lakota, Iowa, and thus began the third generation of Nymans on the old "Nyman Place" established 1884.

In September, 1950, James and Alice moved from the farm to Estherville, Iowa, where they had already purchased a home at 950 N. 12th St., and there James changed his occupation and became a carpenter, works continuously with the Satern Construction Company with the exception of a few weeks in January and February when he works in his own comfortable basement where he has his "hobby shop", he makes furniture, lamps, cabinets, and "what have you".

In Estherville, he is a member of the Estherville Lutheran Church located at Second Avenue North.

James lived fifty-five consecutive years on the farm at Bancroft and now a "summer evening" in 1959 has lived nine years in Estherville, Iowa.

ALICE

Alice Peterson Nyman, wife of James P. Nyman, was born March 19, 1903, in Kildare Township, Swift County, Minnesota. She was the youngest child of Lewis and Christine Peterson residing on the farm at Murdock, Minnesota. She was baptized Mary Elizabeth in May, 1903, at the Bethesda Lutheran Church. She spent her childhood on her parents farm home known as "Rose Hill Farm" located three miles north of the Village of Murdock. She attended rural school District No. 18 in Hayes Township until it was consolidated with the Murdock School in 1917. That same year she was confirmed on Sunday, July 29, 1917. In June, 1919, Alice moved with her parents to Litchfield, Minnesota, where she finished her high school education and graduated on June 3, 1921, at Litchfield. The two years following graduation, she taught rural school Dist. No. 7, west of Litchfield. It was during that time that she met James Nyman, her future husband - they were married in her parents home on Wednesday afternoon, May 9, 1923. Dr. G. Rast of the Lutheran Church officiating.

An interesting incident in her earliest life is in regard to her name. Her parents gave her the name Mary Elizabeth at baptism after her mother and grandmothers; however, two older brothers and an older sister decided that she should be named Alice so called her that - the name stuck and after forty-five years, her oldest brother, Beuford, had the name Alice recorded in the Bethesda Church books as well as in the records in Swift County Courthouse in Benson, Minnesota. Through Alice's Mother's Mother, she is a great great granddaughter of Per Jonson, elected in 1817 to the Swedish Parliament and who served there with distinction. He brought in private

bills concerning "Crime of Drunkeness" and several questions of taxation.

In Bancroft, Alice is a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary and served as Secretary and Historian. In the Immanuel Lutheran Church, she served as Sunday School Superintendent, Secretary and Vice-President of Ladies Aid and Secretary of Missionary Society. In Greenwood Township, she served as Farm Bureau Publicity Chairman; also County Music Chairman of Kossuth County Farm Bureau. It was during this time she attended "Conference of Associated Women of the World" at Purdue University at Lafayette, Indiana, November 2-8, 1941, sponsored by Kossuth County Farm Bureau.

Alice likes reading, hand work and helping aged folks. At present, she is employed at the Good Samaritan Home in Estherville.

Interesting vacations with the family were taken to Northern Minnesota, to the Black Hills and Rocky Mountains in the West, the Missouri Ozarks on the South, and Wisconsin Dells on the East. Other interesting stories and events in her life, she shared with her husband and family are found elsewhere in their stories.

DALE

Dale James Nyman, the youngest son of James and Alice Nyman, was born June 4, 1931, at the "Nyman Place" and was baptized in June of 1931, in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bancroft, Iowa. Dale spent his childhood years on the home farm, started country school at District No. 4 in Greenwood Township, and later, when this rural school was closed, attended Seneca Consolidated school for the remainder of his elementary and high school education. He was confirmed in May, 1945, in the Lutheran Church at Bancroft, the Rev. E. K. Nelson was his Confirmation Pastor. He was active in Luther League work, serving as President of the Bancroft Luther League in 1949.

Life his brother, Wayne, Dale joined the Greenwood Township Boys 4-H Club at the age of ten, his projects being Holstein dairy heifers which won for him the full assortment of ribbons. In 4-H work, Dale served as Historian and Secretary, and in 1948, was honored by being selected as one of the two 4-H boys to represent Kossuth County at the Iowa State Fair as a "4-H State Tour Boy". The following year (1949) his 4-H record book was selected as best in the county and Dale won a prize of ten dollars.

In high school, Dale was engaged in many of the school activities--he sang tenor in the Glee Club, played a clarient in the band,

was in three class plays, and received a letter in basketball. He was elected president of his high school senior class (class of 1949) and was honored to receive the "Citizenship Award" in high school, an award given to the outstanding boy and girl of each class.

Following graduation from high school, Dale followed in the footsteps of his father, James, and brother Wayne before him by attending Iowa State College at Ames, starting in the fall of 1949. During the course of his academic career, Dale majored in Geology, minoring in Chemistry and Zoology, and was engaged in many activities--musical, departmental, and church. He was a member of the tour group of the Iowa State Singers, the Men's Octet, the Festival Chorus, Iowa State Concert Band, and the Iowa State Marching Band. In addition, he was a member of the Pershing Rifles, a Basic ROTC military honorary; a member of the Arnold Air Society, a club for those in Senior Air Force ROTC; the Geology Club; and throughout college was active in the Lutheran Student Association. Along with his activities in the LSA, he attended several National Ashrams of that organization, two at the National Music Camp, Interlocken, Michigan ('51 & '53), one at Estes Park, Colorado ('52); another at Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania ('56); and the latest one at St. Olaf College, Minnesota ('57). Dale graduated from college on July 22, 1953, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Geology, a commission as Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, was accepted into the Graduate College, and was enrolled in his first graduate course all on the same day.

On January 2, 1954, Dale reported to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for the beginning of his two years active duty with the Air Force. From Lackland he was sent to the Ground Communications Officers School at Scott AB, Illinois. After training, he reported to Park's AFB, California, and was sent overseas, serving the greater part of his military career at Misawa AB, Japan. Dale returned to the States Thanksgiving Day, 1955, and was separated from Parks on December 7th. During his military travels he visited Mexico, Hawaii, Wake Island, and Midway Island, as well as many parts of Japan and the U. S.

In January of 1956, Dale resumed his graduate studies at Iowa State. He started the field work for his Master's thesis in June of that year, doing research on a problem concerning the structural geology of the Front Range near Colorado Springs, Colorado. Course work and thesis were finished in the fall of 1957, with graduation delayed until June 11, 1958, the time when Iowa State College was celebrating its Centennial Anniversary.

In February, 1958, he received a Civil Service appointment as a geologist and reported to the district office of the Ground Water Branch of the United States Geological Survey, Memphis, Tennessee. He has remained in this position up until the present time. During the fall of '58, he was honored by being elected to full membership in the Geological Society of America. Also in 1958, he became a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Dale received first prize in the 1955 Misawa AFB Hobby Shop Photo contest and first prize in the 1957 Friley Hall Camera Club contest.

Besides Dale's hobbies of singing and traveling and photography, he enjoys listening to his "do-it-yourself" hi-fi system (popular and classical), flying (Student Pilot - 1958, Pilot - 1959) and bachelorifying his thirty-seven foot mobile home.

After the foregoing story had been written we received a news flash which we are pleased to add here.

While in Memphis , Dale became engaged to Miss Miriam Ann Buck on August 30, 1959. They plan to be married in the First United Lutheran Church of Memphis early in May of 1960.

Miriam was born June 29, 1933 in Greenwood, Mississippi, to William E. (Edward) and Miriam K. (Kaufman) Buck. Miriam has an older brother William Edward Buck III presently living in Marshall, Virginia, with his wife and two daughters. The Buck family moved to Memphis May 1, 1937. There Miriam was educated, graduating from Central High School in May, 1952. She later attended the Miller-Hawkins Secretarial School. Miriam has been employed by the Union Planters National Bank since November of 1952 and is presently secretary to the personnel officer.

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From THE BANCROFT REGISTER, June 23, 1960:

> SENECA: A wedding of interest was solemnized Saturday, May 21 at Memphis, Tennessee, when Miriam Ann Buck and Dale Nyman were united in marriage. .... The Reverend Victor D. Derrick, pastor of the First Lutheran Church officiated. ... For travel the bride wore a pale green and white brocade sheath dress made from material brought from Japan by the bridegroom. After a wedding trip to the Smokie Mountains in Tennessee and Kentucky the couple will make their home at 1576 Delmont Road, Memphis, where Mr. Nyman is a geologist with the United States Geological Survey.

DALE

Wife: Miriam

WAYNE

SCHOOLING AND OCCUPATION

Wayne Lewis graduated from Seneca Consolidated High School and attended three years at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. Since college and military service he has farmed first with his father, and since 1950, by himself, the "Nyman Place" Greenwood Township. A hobby of repairing radios developed into a radio and television repair business in 1957.

MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bancroft, Iowa - trustee, Sunday School teacher, president of Luther League. Farm Bureau, American Legion, P. T. A., Flight Club, L. S. A. (while at college), held offices in the farm-owned telephone company.

Hobbies: began flying in 1949 - received pilot's license in 1950. Own half interest in a 4-passenger Piper Pacer. Likes to bowl, fish, and roller skate.

Military service: inducted July 26, 1944 at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Served as a member of the U. S. Air Force Technical Command, being honorably discharged as a sergeant on June 26, 1946. Stationed, as well as other bases, at Hawaii.

As an active 4-H member - his project always Holstein dairy heifers - he was the winner several times of blue ribbons at the County Fair in Algona. As a Luther Leaguer he served the local league as president and the Northern District of Iowa Conference as treasurer in 1943-1944. Attended the International Luther League Convention in Duluth in 1949, as well as Bible camp at Clear Lake and 4-H Camp. Also National Ashram at Interlochen, Michigan in 1948.

WIFE

MARJORIE VIOLA NELSON, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nels Nelson of Lakota, Iowa, born at Algona, Iowa, November 26, 1924.

Graduated from Lakota Independent High School and received a Bachelor of Education degree from Waldorf College, Forest City, Iowa.

Before marriage was a primary school teacher. Now a homemaker.

Memberships: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bancroft - Sunday School teacher, Mission Aid. American Legion Auxiliary, P. T. A., the Lutheran Students Union and the Lutheran Daughters of Reformation while at college, also choir while at college, church choir.

Interests: teaches music to primary children in Sunday School. Flying, fishing, bowling and roller skating. Likes new ideas and recipes for cooking and baking.

Attended Bible camp at Lake Okoboji, Iowa and Luther League Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Also the International Luther League Convention at Duluth, Minnesota, in 1949.

EK.








WAYNE
Wife: Marjorie
Children: Darrell, Douglas, Arlen, Debra, Dwayne (not shown).

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Second row: left, Arlen, 1957
Bottom: left, Douglas; center, Darrell, 1958. Right, center: Wayne-Marjorie family by their Piper Pacer, 1959.
Left: Debra, age 4.
Above: Debra, age 2.




JAMES' GRANDCHILDREN

DARRELL WAYNE	January 16, 1952
DOUGLAS JAMES	January 16, 1952
ARLEN DEAN	October 17, 1953
DEBRA JEAN	May 24, 1955
DWAYNE LEWIS	July 31, 1960

"Darrel Wayne and Douglas James, twin sons of Wayne and Marjorie Nyman and grandsons of James and Alice Nyman and great-grandsons of John and Emma Nyman were born January 16, 1952 at the Holy Family Hospital, Estherville, Iowa with Dr. E. K. Vaubel in attendance. Darrel was born at 11:13 p.m. and weighed five pounds six ounces and Douglas at 11:30 p.m. and weighed exactly six pounds.

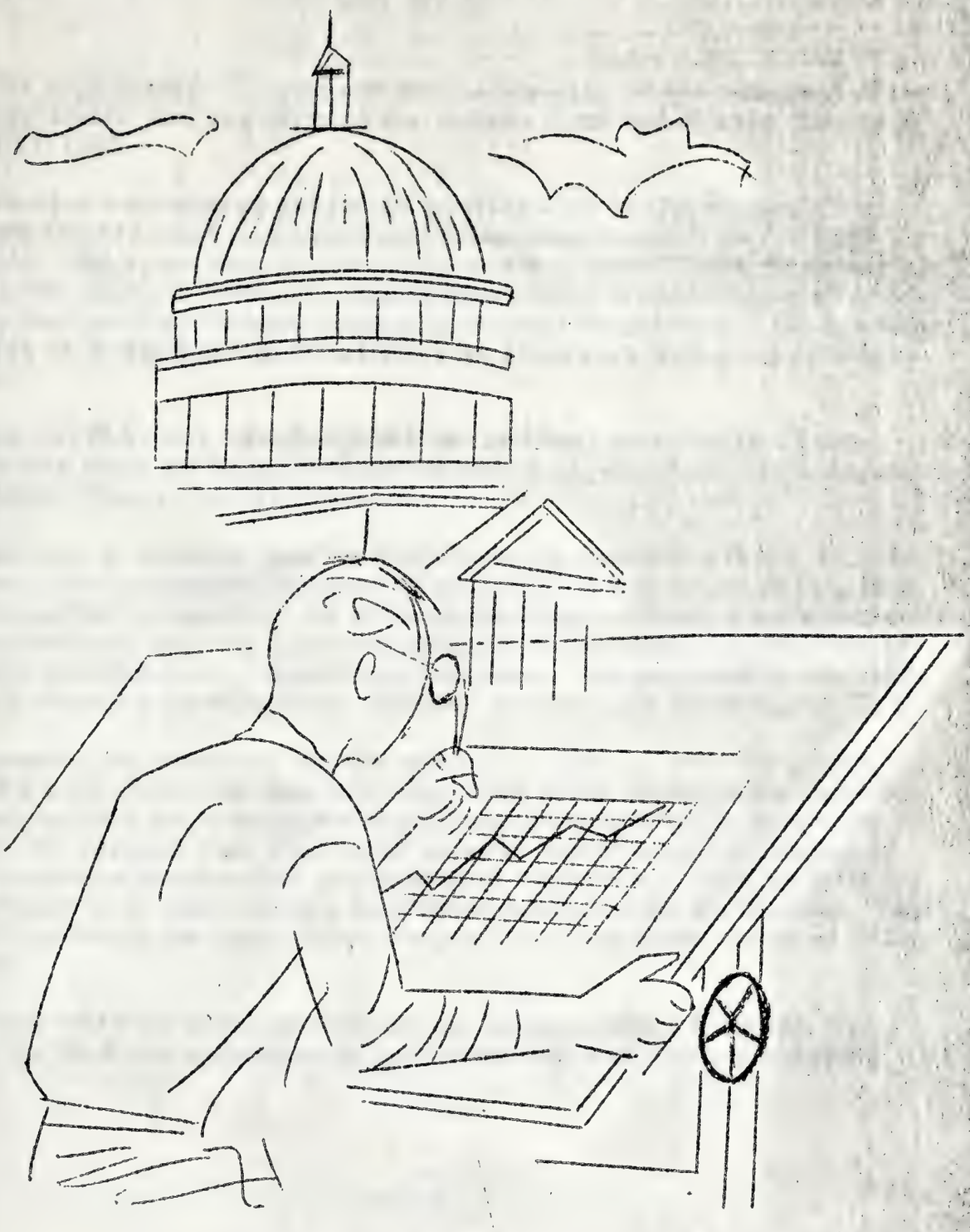
"When they were five days old, they together with their mother Marjorie, came to Grandfather James's home in Estherville for nearly two weeks before they went to their own farm home. You see it was in the winter time and there was much snow and cold weather out of doors and with two precious tiny babies, the parents thought best not to take them on the long ride home too soon.

"They were baptized February 10, 1952 by Pastor A. M. Youngquist from Swea City and had the distinction of being the third set of twins to be baptized by him in the Immanuel congregation at Bancroft.

"Both boys grew and waxed strong like all healthy babies do, Douglas usually a few ounces heavier. They started Sunday School at the age of four years and on September 1, 1957 they started kindergarten at Seneca school. And thus the third generation of Nyman children started school from the old "Nyman Place" established 1884.

"Arlen Dean, the next son of Wayne and Marjorie Nyman and grandson of James and Alice Nyman was born October 17, 1953 at the Holy Family Hospital at Estherville, Iowa. Arlen weighed seven pounds nine ounces at birth. When he was five days old his daddy Wayne, brought little Arlen and his mother Marjorie home from the hospital. Now there were three little Nyman boys residing on the old "Nyman Place". Arlen too, like his brothers, is growing up where his father and grandfather grew up before him. There he is learning the magic of living in the great wide wonderful world. Three generations of little Nyman children have played under the same stately trees of Maple, Ash, Boxelder and Elm, today much older and more weather-beaten than when James and his many brothers and sisters played there. Then there is the same blue sky with its fleecy white clouds floating by and now in the summer of 1958 Wayne and his little family can board their airplane and in a few minutes flat, circle in and out among those fleecy clouds and view that wonderful beauty unsurpassed elsewhere on earth.

"Debra Jean, the youngest child of Wayne and Marjorie Nyman and the only granddaughter of James and Alice Nyman, was born May 24, 1955. She, like her three older brothers was born at the Holy Family Hospital at Estherville. She weighed in at exactly six pounds and twelve ounces at exactly 9:50 a.m. And SHE WAS A BABY GIRL, something unheard of on "Nyman Place" for nearly fifty years. Debbie, like her brother Arlen, came to the farm home when she was five days old. The rest of the family soon learned that she was a different tempered baby than her brothers before her, first of all she was a light sleeper, more active and to say the least, she would keep any mother busy - but she was a girl! It was



CARL

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Carl, the eighth child of John and Emma Nyman, is the youngest of the four living sons. He was born at the Nyman farm home near Bancroft, Iowa, April 11, 1897.

Carl attended elementary school at district four in Greenwood Township, Kossuth County, and was graduated from the Bancroft public high school in 1915. He spent nearly two years in the United States Navy during World War I and then, in 1920, graduated from Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Husbandry. He has done graduate work in Economics and Statistics at American University, Washington, D. C.

Although Carl has not been engaged in farming, as have all of his brothers, he has been working in fields related to agriculture, as a teacher and in the United States Census Bureau.

Carl has been a valuable man as the livestock specialist in the Bureau of the Census. His contributions have been many. To mention only a few, he devised a method of handling the difficult problem of setting up a tentative schedule with the spacing and arrangement of questions as they would appear in final printed form, previously not done. He personally instructed schools all over the Middle West, Callas, Atlanta and Washington, D. C.

While assembling material for the volume of Special Poultry report, he developed a new method of analysis involving procedures never before used, now recognized as an extremely valuable contribution to research everywhere. He prepared an illustrated article describing his method of analysis by means of Exploration in Statistical Research. This is called "Visual Analysis" and many copies have been published by the Census. This method is still used in the Agriculture Department and other sections in the United States.

In 1937 and 1938 he was president of the Maryland and Virginia Egg Producers. He took the organization out of the red and made it a paying concern.

In his work Carl has traveled all over the United States, including every state in the Union, making wonderful friends wherever he went. His reputation where he has worked the past thirty years has been one of consideration and kindness for others. This, added to his excellent ability and high standards, commands the greatest respect from all his associates.

The following is an unsolicited tribute from Lila's brother, James Hays, in a recent letter to the editor of this family book.

> "The years I spent with Carl, both as a boy and since, have convinced me that he is the most generous and understanding person that ever lived."

Carl married Lila McIntosh in Mexico, Missouri, on June 1, 1924, at the age of twenty-seven and she twenty-five. They met at Afton, Iowa, where both were teaching in the high school.

Lila had graduated from the Mexico High School, and Hardin College of Mexico. She also attended Missouri University. She taught in the public schools of Mexico, Missouri, and in Afton, Iowa, from 1922 to 1924, elementary and high school grades.

The first five years of their marriage were spent in Guthrie Center, Iowa, where Carl taught Smith-Hughes Agriculture and Shop. In 1927, a daughter, Sammie Jo, was born. She died in infancy.

In 1928, they went to Seattle, Washington, to make their home and seek a new profession. Carl did substitute teaching in the field of Industrial Arts at the Seattle Public Schools. Lila worked for Marentate Jones who made elegant silk dresses. The second year in Seattle, Carl was employed as Business Analyst at Sears Roebuck & Co.

While in Seattle, Carl took a Civil Service examination in Agricultural Economics which led to a temporary job in Washington, D. C., during the 1930 Census. In 1932, he accepted a permanent appointment in the Bureau of the Census. He has remained in the Census and is now Livestock Statistician, responsible for the collection of livestock and poultry data from all farms in the United States each five years.

Lila remained in Omaha, Nebraska, with her sister, a nurse, and family to be near the old family doctor for several months while Carl was in Washington. Then on December 17, 1930, Darwin Bruce Nyman was born. His father in Washington, D. C. received this telegram:

"Mother's features father's fixtures. Both mother and baby doing well."

After six weeks Bruce, his mother, and eight year old Jimmy Hays, Lila's half brother, traveled to Washington with Bruce in a clothes basket.

Jimmy had lived with Lila and Carl three years before they went to Seattle, since he was three years old. He continued to live with them until his marriage. Always a second son, and still is.

On June 1, 1946, Jim married Temple Weaver from Devol, Oklahoma, who was employed in the Agriculture Department. Following his two years with the Army Air Force in the South Pacific, Second World War, he returned to Washington and New York where he completed his education. He now has a very responsible position as an Electrical and Mechanical Engineer with Melpar Co. in Virginia. They have three lovely little girls, Rene, Jean and Carol.

In 1936, Carl, Lila, Bruce, and Jim moved to a small farm they had bought in what was then considered to be "out in the country". The farm is located southeast of Washington just across the line in Maryland, but is only seven miles from the Capitol building. Since World War II, the rapid spread of the nation's capitol to the suburbs has resulted in the "farm" being completely surrounded by urban area. However, it is actually being used for the production of crops and Carl and Lila still make it their home.

Carl recently won a beautiful trophy as a champion bowler. Other interests and hobbies: vegetable gardening, woodworking, machining, inventing, research in mechanics, statistical research, gadgeterring, everything do-it-yourself. Memberships and offices: A F and A M, American Statistical Association.

Lila is a member of the Episcopal Church, president of her church guild and has taught young people's class sixteen years. Other offices: president, "Homemakers' Club"; chairman, Community Welfare Clubs; chairman, Garden Club. Hobbies: gardening, cooking, sewing, painting, reading, traveling, interior decorating.

Lila's father's people were the McIntoshes from Scotland. According to historical records in the Library of Congress, they go back to 1430 in the Highlands of Scotland where they took Borlum Castle and held it for over three hundred years. They were great fighters and were involved in many civil wars.

They fought for the unfortunate Stuarts and when Mary Stuart, Queen of the Scots, was beheaded by Queen Elizabeth of England, several of the McIntoshes were forced to leave the country for fear of meeting the same fate.

"The most celebrated member of the early family was Brigadier General McIntosh, more familiarly called "Old Borlum", who, though possessing much of the sternness, had very little of the cruelty of his forefathers. His indomitable courage, enterprising character, and unshaken constancy was conspiciously displayed in his daring expedition across the Forth, his skill and mastery retreat to Kelso, his bravery at Preston, his escape to Newgate and subsequent flight to France, where he became an outstanding military strategist."

"The McIntoshes in Scotland declined in power during the early part of the seventeenth century. They gradually fell from their feudal power and lordly splendor and finally had to give up Borlum Castle."

Many of the clan came to America, settled in Virginia, then moved on into North Carolina, Tennessee, and into Kentucky, where many remain to this day.

Several of them fought in the American Revolution. At Valley Forge still stands the living quarters of a Captain McIntosh who was later promoted to General by George Washington. His picture now hangs in Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

Lila's great great grandfather was Philip McIntosh, who fought in the American Revoluntionary War in Virginia. His son, John, born in Virginia in 1794, and married in Virginia, lived for a time in North Carolina before settling in Estill County, Kentucky.

His wife was Ellender King and they had six children, among them Lila's grandfather, William Clinton McIntosh, who grew up on his father's farm or plantation where his father was a slave holder (shame on you, John). However, he did not follow his father as a rebel.

William C. McIntosh, Lila's grandfather, enlisted August 6, 1861, in Company E, Fourth Regiment, on the Union side of the Civil War. He remained in the Army until he contracted typhoid fever and developed lung pleurisy causing his honorable discharge May 8, 1865. He died at the age of seventy-five, in 1916.

William's first wife, Lila's grandmother, was Mary Johnson of Estill County, Kentucky, who died August 20, 1902. The eldest of their six children was Lila's father, Millard F. McIntosh, born March 10, 1871, Estill County, Kentucky.

Millard married Maude Lowry, born October 14, 1881, Somerset, Kentucky. Their eight children were all born in Estill County, Kentucky. The children are:

Oscar Burton, January 7, 1898, now in Prinville, Oregon.
Lila Ellen McIntosh Nyman, February 20, 1899, now in Washington, D. C.
Everett Rex, July 22, 1901, Whitman, Nebraska
Mary Alice McIntosh Schmick, January 19, 1903, living in Seattle, Washington
Bertha May McIntosh Morrison, October 29, 1904, Omaha, Nebraska
Laura Elizabeth Vigal Chard, September 3, 1906, in Rochester, Illinois
Harry Hargus Vigal, February 19, 1908, now in Springfield, Illinois
William Roy McIntosh, February 2, 1910, now in Skidmore, Missouri

Lila's mother, Maude, became a widow at the age of thirty. Her husband, Millard, died of cancer March 10, 1911, at Clay City, Kentucky. Maude brought the eight children to Molino, Missouri, to live. The eldest child was thirteen and the youngest, one year. Maude's

father, William Lowry, had moved from Kentucky to Molino, Missouri, several years previously, with his second wife, Sarah, and three children: Nellie, Julia and Hubert.

When he heard of Maude's loss, he urged her to make her home near him so he could assist in rearing the family. Maude's brother, Ed Lowry, had also left Kentucky and was living near Molino with his family, where he had a store. He also urged her to come.

Maude's father, step-mother, and brother were all exceptionally generous, kind, understanding and invaluable in shaping the children's future. They shall always feel a debt of gratitude for these many kindnesses.

Two of the younger children, Harry and Laura, were adopted by a wealthy farm family who had no children, living near Mexico, Missouri. This Mr. and Mrs. Vigal later moved to Springfield, Illinois, taking the children, where they are now. Both married and are alive today. Lila's grandparents on her mother's side were William Lowry, born in Estill County, Kentucky, and his wife, Alice Hope from Somerset, Kentucky, Pulaskie County.

Her great grandparents were James C. Lowry from Clark County, Kentucky, and his wife, Nellie Honn, from Montgomery County, Kentucky. Her great great grandparents were Lud Lowry, a magistrate and lawyer, born in Virginia, and his wife, a Frazier, given name not known.

BRUCE

Bruce Nyman graduated from Anacostia High School, Washington, D. C., in 1948, and attended Montgomery Junior College, Takoma, Park, Maryland, before entering the Air Force in 1951. Upon his discharge in 1952, he returned to Montgomery Junior College for a year and then attended the University of Maryland, where in 1955, he received a B. S. in Industrial Management.

After graduation he accepted a position with The Black and Decker Manufacturing Company. He started there as a Time Study Trainee and was Supervisor of Time Study with he resigned in June, 1958, to join the Kirby Company. He opened his own Kirby vacuum cleaner sales office in 1959.

On June 5, 1954, Bruce married Elizabeth Courtney Peters of Washington, D. C. She is a graduate of Lexington High School, Lexington, Virginia, and Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia. At the time of their marriage, Elizabeth was a Training Supervisor

in the Defense Department, and since then has been a statistician for the Maryland Survival Project for Civil Defense.

Bruce and Elizabeth now live in Owings Mills, Maryland, a suburb of Baltimore, Maryland. They have a daughter, Gail Elizabeth, born April 9, 1958.

Elizabeth's parents are from West Virginia. Her father, John Earl Peters, is from Athens, West Virginia, and her mother, Clara Carhart Courtney Peters is from Morgantown, West Virginia. Elizabeth's paternal grandmother was Virginia Suzannah Cooper Peters, and her maternal grandmother was Mollie Jane Lazelle Courtney.

Bruce and Elizabeth attend All Saints Episcopal Church, of which they are members.

Elizabeth's special interests are cooking, sewing and homemaking. She is vice-president of the College Alumnae Chapter, Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority.

Bruce has a fully equipped garage-shop built on to the house. He enjoys doing mechanical work on his car or any equipment around the house.

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A son, Carl Bruce, was born to Bruce and Elizabeth November 20, 1959.

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Carl R. Nyman is retiring from his work at the Census Bureau in July, 1960.

Top left: Carl & Lila. Top right: Carl, Bruce, Elizabeth, Gail, Lila, Grandma McIntosh. Center row: Nyman home, front view & back view; Elizabeth & Bruce. Bottom: Gail, Elizabeth & Bruce, Christmas 1958 & Feb. 1959.

ESTHER

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Esther Emma Elisabeth Nyman was born July 20, 1899, at Bancroft, Iowa. She attended the rural school and then high school. During her sophomore year she contracted a cold which resulted in her spending several months at Oakdale Sanitarium. The disease was arrested and she was able to complete her high school studies in three years, finishing with her class. She attended Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, and then taught in the rural schools of Kossuth county for three years.

She contracted another cold and entered the Swedish National Sanitarium at Denver in August 1924, remaining there until the following January, when George brought her home to Swea City. She passed away on May 18, 1925, after having been bedfast for nine months. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery at Bancroft on May 21, 1925, just five months after her father had been laid to rest there. During the months of illness at home, Edna was her nurse and companion.

Esther was ever cheerful and optimistic. She was the favorite of the family and won many friends with her ready smile and happy disposition. She liked to read and do fancy work, especially tatting. Planning different curtain arrangements was her specialty.

A loving tribute to a dear sister,
-by Ellen Johnson.

One member of her family told us, "If ever there was an angel on earth, it was Esther." Hence the division page sketch preceding.

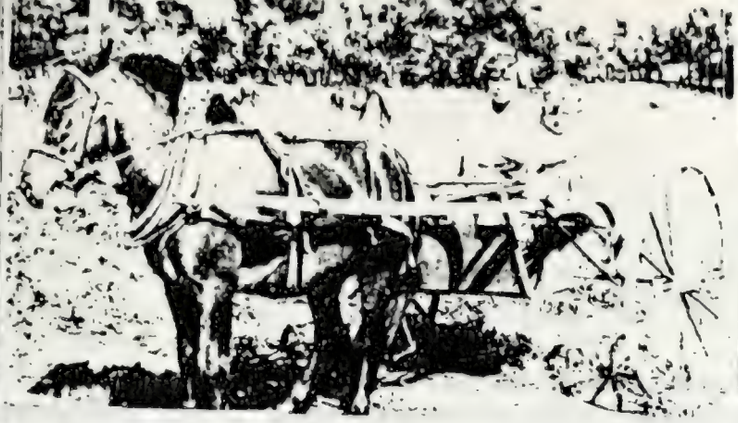
Above: Esther

Right: School where Esther taught. She wrote, "The well is only for looks. I carry water to school in cooler.

FROM AN OLD SCRAPBOOK

For a good, every-day household angel, give us the woman who laughs. Her pastry may not always be just right and she may occasionally burn her bread and forget to replace missing buttons, but for solid comfort all day and every day she is a very paragon. Home is not a battlefield nor life one long, unending fight. The trick of always seeing the bright side or, if the matter has no bright side, of polishing up the dark one, is a very important faculty, one of the things no woman should be without. We are not all born with sunshine in our hearts, but we can cultivate a cheerful sense of humor, if we only try.

LILLIAN



Elaine & Paul

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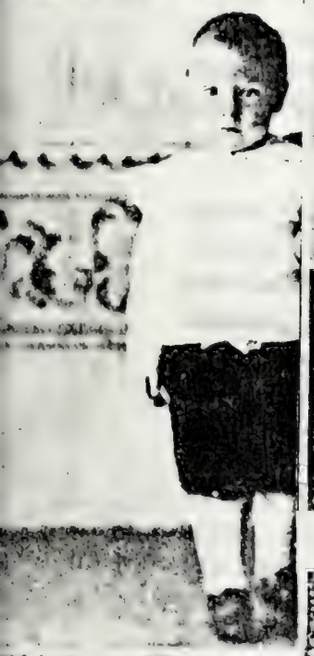

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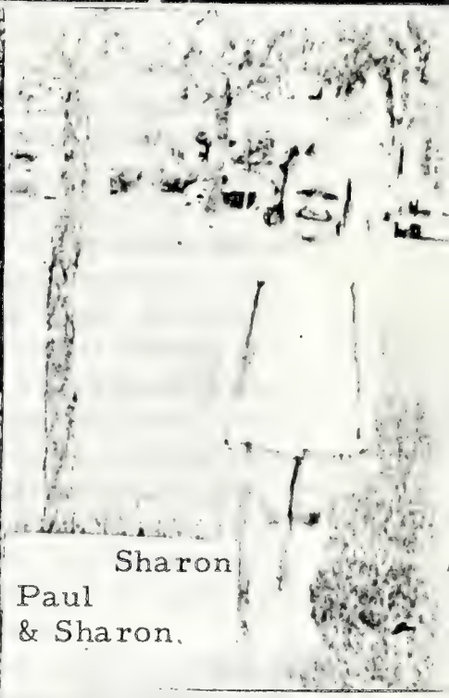

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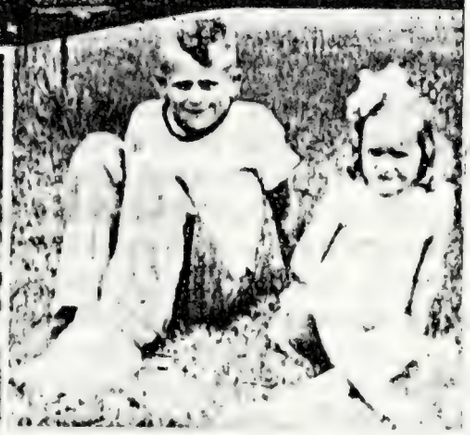


Above: Carolyn & Luan with King. Lillian with Paul, Carolyn & Luan. Below: Sharon, Godfrey, Lillian, Paul, 1959.

Top right & Bottom right: Lillian & Godfrey.

Below: Paul.

LILLIAN

I was the tenth child of the Nyman dozen, born at Bancroft, Iowa, on January 28, 1902, baptized by Pastor Elfstrom, and later confirmed by Pastor Lundell at the Lutheran church there. I had a wonderful and happy childhood with security and love - and big families are such fun.

We attended school at district 4 in Greenwood township. I remember trudging along in the snow, all bundled up in scarfs and leggings,while James or Carl held my hand so that I wouldn't fall down. In the spring when the river overflowed its banks George or John in hip boots carried us across the water on our way to school.

That mile of road to school was a world in itself. We jumped from the bridge down on the river's edge, threw sticks with sails on them to watch them flow out of sight, ate thorn apples and black haws from the trees on its banks, found the first violets of spring and gathered armfuls of wild roses. We skated on the river in the winter, coasted down the hills on sleds or scoop shovels; waded in the springtime, with our long underwear rolled up to our knees; and fished and dug clams in the summertime. I don't imagine we were always very prompt in getting home from school. Ellen and John were teachers in district 4 when I was in school there.

Christmas Eve at home was a very special time. The Christmas tree, always set up in the parlor, lit up with candles, glistening with tinsil and ropes of popcorn and cranberries was a beautiful sight. I remember the tiny pink doll bed with little pillows, sheets and blankets and the new dolls and doll clothes. We all gathered around the parlor organ and sang carols, Papa read the Christmas story from St. Luke, in Swedish, and we younger ones spoke the pieces that we had in the Sunday School program. We always hung up our stockings before going to bed.

I remember a red dress I wore, with short sleeves and an accordian plaited skirt; and the rice pudding Mother made, with sugar and cinnamon on top served in the pink covered bowl which I still have.

The dining room table was always spread out with all its leaves and covered with a yellow or red checked tablecloth. We all bowed our heads and prayed in unison,

I Jesu namn går vi till bord,
Äta, dricka på Guds ord,
Gud till ära, oss till gagn,
Så får vi mat i Jesu namn. Amen.

When Esther, Edna and I washed dishes we often drilled each other on the multiplication tables, authors of books or poems we had learned, etc. Papa would be reading in his favorite rocker and Mamma would be in the bedroom reading her Swedish Bible when we came in to say "Good Night" and we would kneel by her and say our prayers.

The upstairs of our house was another world of my childhood. One of my earliest memories was of Edna sitting in the little rocker by the hall window and I cutting off her hair. Our dolls had enamel or china heads with the hair painted on and we wanted one with real hair. I covered the doll's head with glue and tried to stick Edna's hair on it. It was such a wonderful idea and I had no thought of doing anything wrong, but when the hair wouldn't stick and I saw how Edna looked, I realized what I had done and I cried and cried. Some time later Mamma gave me a doll with real hair, sleeping eyes that said "ma ma". I still have that doll.

That hall upstairs was also a store house. My father used to buy ten sacks of flour at a time, sugar by the hundred pounds, big wooden boxes of crackers and ginger snaps, rye flour and corn meal in 10 and 25 pound sacks which we used to dress up in baby clothes and draw faces on the sacks for dolls. There would be pumpkin seeds drying to plant next year, which we peeled and ate and dried beef hanging up, from which the boys cut off pieces with their jack knives and rings of dried apples. All helped make a very good night time snack.

We drove a horse and buggy to high school, wrapped in a fur robe with hot bricks at our feet to keep warm. Later on we drove a model T Ford, boarding in town during the winter. My last year, Edna and I stayed with Ellen and George.

I spent one summer, when I was sixteen, in South Dakota taking care of the Dirksen children after Hanna passed away. I graduated from Bancroft High School as salutatorian, and attended Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and taught four years in rural schools. During this time my folks had moved to Swea City, and James lived on the home farm.

I met Godfrey when he and a neighbor came to visit at the place where I boarded while teaching. After two years we were married on March 29, 1925 at the Little Brown Church at Nashua, Iowa, with Edna and Godfrey's brother Herbert as our attendants.

Godfrey was born in St. Charles, Illinois on March 29, 1901. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church of St. Charles. He attended school there, then worked at the Globe Music Company until the family moved to a farm by Swea City, when he was 18. They had lived in St. Charles and in Chicago. He had two brothers, Herbert and Rudolph, and a sister Wendla, all of whom have passed away. Wendla's daughter, Evelyn Warsham, the only niece, lives at Wicksburg, Michigan. And his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew N. Anderson who are 84 and 91 years old, respectively, live alone and take such wonderful care of their pleasant little home in Swea City, Iowa.

When we were married we went to live on a 160 acre farm by Swea City. After three years, Paul came to live with us on April 2, 1928. He was just 10 days old. We were so proud of him.

Carolyn and Luan, sisters ages 7 and 11, lived with us a while when Paul was 9. We had planned to adopt them but did not get consent clearance. It was hard giving them up again.

When Paul was eleven years old, Sharon came to live with us. She was four years old, had big blue eyes and long blonde curls. We were so happy to have our little girl, and Paul wanted to show her to everyone in the neighborhood.

When we all got in the car to go some place, Paul would say, "Here we are, a happy little family." No parents could ever be more blessed than we are by the happiness these two chosen children have given us. For pets they had two Shetland ponies, a big St. Bernard dog, a nanny goat, kittens, rabbits and dogs. Paul had "Bob" a rat terrier and Sharon had "Mike" a cocker spaniel, that were special pets.

In 1940 we purchased a 40 acre farm near Foreston, Minnesota, and moved up here in 1941. We have done much to improve it. Godfrey has done all the remodeling and building the barn. He has worked as a carpenter part time for the past fifteen years. He has built several houses and built cabinets in many of the homes around the Foreston area. This year Godfrey began carpentry work with a Minneapolis construction company. For the present we live in a Burington apartment on Park Avenue, near Lake Street.

We have had good days and difficult days, but through it all we have always felt God's guiding hand.

We now have three lovely grandchildren, Mark, Kathy and Diane, who bring us many interesting experiences and much added happiness.

Memberships, activities, interests: Both - Salem Lutheran Church, Foreston; Sunday School teacher, choir; 4-H Leader; community work. Godfrey - church deacon; woodworking; machinery; planting trees; singing. Lillian - president, P. T. A. and Homemakers Club, Aid; Sunday School superintendent; sewing; reading; miscellaneous homemaking hobbies.

PAUL

Paul Oscar attended elementary school at East Chain, Minnesota; Swea City, Iowa; and district 23, Foreston, Minnesota. He was graduated from Milaca High School in 1947. He has been employed by the Connelly Cartage Corporation of Minneapolis since 1948. During his years at high school he was a part-time truck driver for the Foreston Hardware and Lumber Company. He was troubled with bronchial asthma from infancy and it has been found that he is allergic to many dusts and danders on the farm.

Paul was baptized by Pastor Wallin at Swea City and confirmed by Pastor Pierce at Foreston. At present he, Pat and children are members of Calvary Lutheran Church, Minneapolis.

On August 1, 1948, Paul married Patricia (Pat) Marie Jones. She comments, "In our high school Journalism class the guy who sat behind me wouldn't leave me alone. In August, 1948, I married him." Pat attended elementary schools near Milaca; grades 7-10 in Minneapolis; returned to Milaca to graduate in '48. She worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone in Minneapolis in 1948, for First Minnehaha National Bank, 49-50 and Lindahl Motor Company, 50-54. Since '54 she has been full time homemaker.

Paul was active in 4-H work where he won many trips and prizes. He held several offices throughout the years. He enjoys bowling (his team won a trophy in 1950), skating, fishing, hunting, and, more recently, boating and water skiing. Paul and Pat started square dancing the past year and like it very much.

Pat was secretary of the missionary society at Ebenezer church. She enjoys fancywork of all kinds, especially cross-stitch and crocheting; also, baking, especially cookies.

Paul and Pat have three children: Mark Paul, Kathleen Marie and Diane Lee.

SHARON

Sharon Lois was baptized at Swea City, by Pastor Borg, and confirmed at Foreston, by Pastor B. Ecklund. She attended elementary schools at Swea City and at Foreston; graduated from high school at Milaca. At present she is a nurse at Rice Memorial Hospital, Willmar, having earned her L. P. N. (Licensed Practical Nurse) degree from the Willmar School of

Practical Nursing affiliated with Swedish Hospital, Minneapolis.

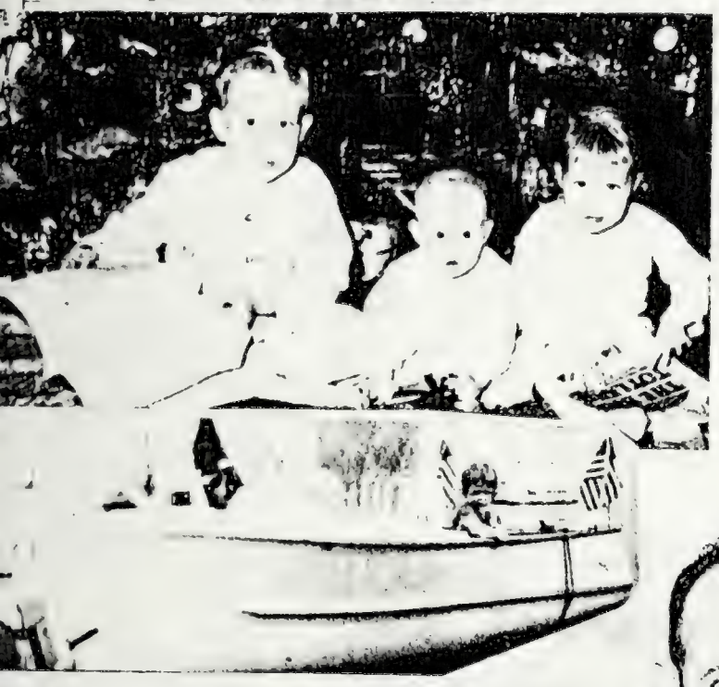
Interests and activities: Bowling, skating, golf, horseback riding.

Sharon is a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Foreston, where she has taught Bible School. While at home she served as Luther League secretary for two years, and was active in 4-H. At present she is vice president of the L. P. N. Club - Willmar; past treasurer of District L. P. N. Association.

Our heritage is not a hitching post but a guide post.

It is a great thing to be proud of our ancestors but it is a greater thing to so live that our descendants will be proud of us.

Top row: Pat, Kathy, Mark; Paul.
Second row: Mark, Diane, Kathy;
Paul & Pat



Paul, Pat & family, 1959

EDNA

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Edna Nyman, the youngest daughter of Emma and John Nyman was born September 3, 1904 at the farm home near Bancroft, Iowa. My twin brother Edwin died when he was five days old. We weighed five pounds together at birth. I was baptized by Reverend Glim; sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson. I finally grew up, but I know it must have taken a lot of care and anxiety by Mother and my sisters, especially Laura. I remember how good and kind she was to me, and as I grew older how sweet Esther was.

I was confirmed by Reverend A. G. Lundell.

One time we Camp Fire Girls were going camping at Clear Lake and I needed five dollars which we were to earn ourselves. I didn't know how I was going to earn that money, but I had tatted a 10 inch doily and Esther said she would buy it from me for that amount. Then I would have earned the money. What a nice thing for her to do!

I went to country school through the eighth grade. I remember one spring the river rose and flowed over the road. I wore a pair of boots and carried a stick to keep on the road. I wasn't as brave as it sounds; I was just plain scared. I was the only one in the grades at that time.

Lillian and I drove a model T Ford to high school some of the time, i.e. Lillian drove. I remember the muddy roads. But I stayed with Ellen and George Johnson during the week most of the four years.

I graduated from Bancroft High School in May 1923. That is the year James and Alice were married and moved onto the home farm and Mother and Dad bought a house in town. Esther, Lillian and I moved with Mother and Dad to Swea City. Lillian and I attended summer school at Cedar Falls that first summer.

The house soon got very empty. Dad died in December 1924 and Esther in May 1925. Lillian was married in March 1925. Mother and I lived together there until I was married. It was a privilege to live with and care for Mother. I should have learned great patience and tolerance. Wava Dirksen cared for Mother for a while after I left home.

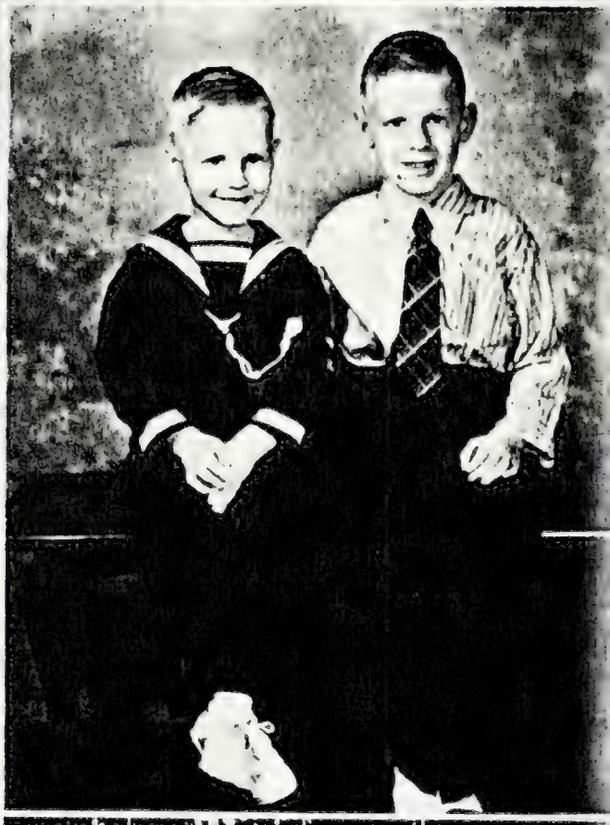
Rudy Peterson and I were married by Reverend Raymond C. Swanson at the Swea City Lutheran Church at 12:00 noon August 11, 1933. Dede Pearson Crandall made my dress of white satin and Lillian's - my bridesmaid - dress of light green satin, they were lovely. We took a trip to Duluth and Superior on our honeymoon. We came back to Rudy's farm near Swea City and have lived there now for 25 years. It has been a joy and deep satisfaction to see our two sons grow up to manhood. Laurel is to be married in April and Alan is going to the island of Crete for eighteen months for the Air Force.

--Edna (March, 1959)

MEMBERSHIPS, INTERESTS

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Swea City: Edna - S.S. teacher, Junior Mission Band leader, Mission-Aid. Rudy - S.S. Supt., S.S. teacher, trustee, deacon, Vice Chairman Board of Administration, building committee, L.L. officer.

Edna: Homemaker's group. Likes to sew, read and cook. Favorite hobby, ceramics.



Top, left: Rudy & Edna with Laurel, 11 yr. & Alan, 8 yr; Rudy & Edna, 1959.
Second row: Laurel, 3 yr.; center & right, Alan, $2\frac{1}{2}$ yr. & Laurel, 5 yr.
Left: Alan, 3 yr.
Bottom: Peterson home, flower wheel, fireplace and picnic table.
Seated at table: John Pearson, Edna, Rudy and Alan.

Rudy: Swea City Creamery board, Tri-County Drying board, Swea City Cooperative Elevator board. Helps where he can in church and community affairs. Enjoys fishing.

LAUREL

EDUCATION and OCCUPATION

Grade and high school at Swea City Community School. Attended short course at Iowa State College, Ames. Served in the Army - rank of SP/3 Radar Operator - 1956-58. Farms near Swea City specializing in hogs and dairy cattle.

MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Swea City: L. L., choir. 4-H, all local offices and County 4-H secy-treas. F. F. A. offices. High School - paper staff, band (baritone horn), vocal groups. Is a director on the adult farm night school. Legion Chorus.

Won a trip to International Livestock Show at Chicago. Won DeKalb Agricultural Achievement Award. Met Marilyn at L. L. convention, Canada.

Enjoys fishing, hunting and basketball.

WIFE

MARILYN FALK, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Falk of Grove City, Minnesota. Grade school, Paynesville, Minnesota and high school, Grove City. Before marriage worked for Investors Diversified Services, Minneapolis. Presently, homemaker.

High School paper staff; girls' chorus at Investors; S.S. teacher, church choir.

Interests: loves outdoors, planting and watching things grow, sewing, music of all sorts, collecting ceramic animal families and stamps. Favorite winter sport is ice skating.

CHILDREN

SHEILA RAE, born in May 1960.

ALAN

EDUCATION and OCCUPATION

Grade and high school at Swea City Community School. Gustavus Adolphus College 1955-57. Presently with the Air Force (since August '57) rank A/2C - radio repairman.

Above: Mr. & Mrs. Otto Falk, Marilyn, Laurel, Edna, Rudy.

Right: Marilyn& Laurel; Laurel.

Left: Alan

Bottom row: 1-3, Alan; Laurel.

MEMBERSHIPS, ACTIVITIES

Immanuel Lutheran Church. High School - Livestock judging team, band - trombone and baritone horn (went to state contest on baritone horn solo), vocal groups. Held offices in 4-H and F. F. A.

Interests: photography, making model planes, anateur radio and mechanics.

Four things that I may happy be
I pray that God will give to me:
Someone to love with all my heart,
Something to do by toil or art,
Something to hope for farther on
A memory sweet to muse upon.

Carolyn Jean Nelson (Corky)
High School graduate, 1960.

See FLOYD page, LAURA division o
John and Emma Nyman section.

Mr. & Mrs.
William A.
Crandall III
(Billy & Judy)
married
11/28/59.

See
ANITA
page
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division
John
and
Emma
Nyman
section.

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